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Clarke fights to limit expectations

Tories split on three-year tax cuts strategy

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE was desperately trying last night to head off growing Tory demands for a three-year timetable of tax cuts to cover the period before and after the next general election.

The party's finance committee will tomorrow urge the Chancellor to launch a programme of £10 billion in tax cuts by 1998 — an idea that is winning support among MPs, ministers and Tory strategists. But Mr Clarke is said to regard the proposal as no more than "an interesting Budget submission" and to be determined not to be "boxed in" months before he has to make any decisions.

Treasury sources, worried about the City's reaction to such a long-term pledge, said that Mr Clarke must lower expectations. And there was irritation with Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, for going close to backing the idea and encroaching on the Chancellor's territory.

The idea — which would mean the third round of cuts coming after an election — is being promoted enthusiastically by some Tories as a way of trapping Labour, since opposition spokesmen would have to say whether they would abandon or implement the cuts if elected.



Portillo taxes "are settled in a Budget"

On Saturday, Mr Hanley said that a rolling programme would be perfectly valid. "There is a medium for doing so by binding our own Government to a course of action. It is up to the electorate then to decide whether they would like us to continue in that direction, recognising that a future Labour government might reverse it," he said.

But he came under fire privately from some ministers for giving public backing to the idea, and Michael Portillo repeatedly refused to endorse it when interviewed on television yesterday. In what seemed to be a rebuke to Mr Hanley, he said: "These matters are settled in a Budget — and a Budget is a matter which is devised by the Chancellor in consultation with the Prime Minister."

Mr Clarke has clearly not ruled out the idea, but sources close to him say that he will not begin to think about Budget decisions until the annual gathering of Treasury experts at Chevening in the summer. One Treasury insider said: "It is rather urgent that we depress expectations."

Some ministers believe that Mr Clarke should concentrate on big tax cuts in the next two Budgets, rather than promise a third year for electoral purposes. They fear an adverse City reaction if economic conditions deteriorate when the Government is committed to cuts.

The renewed debate about tax, fuelled by strong hints from John Major and Mr Clarke at the Conservative Central Council in Birmingham that autumn cuts are on the way, comes as married couples and home owners face tax increases this week.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, pointed to those rises yesterday when he accused the Government of abandoning middle- and lower-income Britain, saying: "Repeating tired old promises of tax cuts in the week you are raising taxes for the 20th time does not add up to a new policy."

Mr Portillo's refusal to be drawn on the subject was said by friends to be unsurprising for a minister who would naturally have aspirations to being Chancellor one day. He said: "We have taken difficult decisions in government to control public borrowing and public spending. That may well put the Chancellor in a position where he can safely and responsibly reduce taxes."

Meanwhile, it emerged yesterday that Mr Major has ordered a substantial increase in cash for education next year. He was reported by sources yesterday to believe that this year's tough settlement over education spending was justified — even though it failed to meet the cost of the teachers' pay award, but a similar clampdown would not be acceptable next year if the Conservatives were to avoid a "Middle England" backlash.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, appears to have won an important victory behind the scenes, which will enable her to use Mr Major's authority in demanding extra money next year, although reports yesterday suggesting an additional £1 billion were said to be utterly speculative.

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Portillo rocks the boat on Europe

BY OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Cabinet truce on Europe was strained yesterday when Michael Portillo said the Conservatives would have to take a line on a single currency in its next election manifesto.

The Employment Secretary also warned Tory MPs to stop plotting against John Major, and said he "absolutely, unequivocally" would not challenge the Prime Minister for the party leadership.

Mr Major and Kenneth Clarke have agreed that the Government should keep its options open both on a single currency and on a referendum on the subject. But that compromise was threatened yesterday when Mr Portillo said: "When we come to write our manifesto we shall obviously have to say something about the single currency. The single currency is a very important issue, and we shall have to have a view on it, and so will the others." Senior ministerial sources immediately accused him of being "out of line".

The formula that both the single currency and a possible referendum are decisions for a future Parliament was seen as a victory for Mr Clarke against attempts by the Right to use the manifesto to rule out a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament. But Mr Clarke's part of the bargain was to soften his opposition to a referendum, and at least to accept that one might be held.

Mr Portillo's remarks on London Weekend Television's *Jonathan Dimbleby* programme suggested that he believes the Cabinet agreement against taking a view on a single currency should extend only until the election period. His remarks surprised the Chancellor's supporters, one of whom said they would be a recipe for a damaging

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MARC ASPLAND

Malgorzata Sobanska, women's winner of yesterday's London Marathon, acknowledges the cheers of the crowd

Concorde arranges a super saver for Major

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

CIVIL servants responsible for the Government's travel arrangements may just have pulled off the best air fare deal of the year.

John Major and a party of 30 advisers were last night crossing the Atlantic by Concorde for less than the cost of hiring a Boeing 747.

The Prime Minister will arrive in Washington in the ultimate British status symbol: Concorde is the travel equivalent of power-dressing. It will be a suitably confident entrance for Mr Major, who has to tackle President Clinton on several thorny issues, including Bosnia and Northern Ireland, where the two men have lately failed to agree.

He hoped to have enough time to sample all five courses of the aircraft's gourmet dinner as he flew to America faster than the speed of sound. After smoked salmon, he was choosing between grilled lamb, pasta, king prawn salad and guinea fowl, followed by chocolate mousse, fresh fruit and cheese, coffee and truffle chocolates. Six stewardesses attended him.

The journey to Edwards air force base was completed in less than four hours, while a subsonic flight would have taken more than twice as long. Remarkably, Downing Street is believed to have hired Concorde for less than £100,000.

The coup was achieved after British Airways was asked to supply a Boeing 747 with its interior rearranged to accommodate the Prime Minister as he sleeps and works during the ten-hour flight.

BA at first agreed, but it quickly became clear that no 747 would be available. Recent gales have sent debris hurtling around Heathrow, damaging several of the airline's fleet of jumbos.

With summer route expansion and strong demand for seats, BA reluctantly told Downing Street that no 747 was free for use. They did, however, have one aircraft spare: the Concorde G-BOAB.

Downing Street instructed its agent, Air London, to demand the lowest possible price. A one-way transatlantic ticket on Concorde costs £2,515. When all 100 seats are filled, the supersonic aircraft receives more than £250,000 for each leg of the journey.

Mr Major and his team of 30 have travelled for less than half that.

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Bank chief's jobs warning

The head of one of Britain's leading banks has predicted that one in five banking jobs will go in the next few years.

Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive at Lloyds, said that he expected 75,000 jobs to be lost in the industry, on top of the 90,000 that have gone since 1989.

Rob O'Neill, spokesman for the banking union Bifu, said: "We have seen 100,000 jobs go over the last few years. Our view is that the job cuts are not needed and will affect customer service. We are very opposed to any further losses" ..... Page 2

McManaman's cup final double

Two outstanding individual goals by England international midfielder Steve McManaman ended Liverpool's three-year drought without a major honour when they beat Bolton Wanderers 2-1 in the Coca-Cola Cup final ..... Page 21

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A series of embarrassing blunders ruined the British premiere of Schnittke's *Life with an Idiot* at English National Opera, transforming what should have been a disturbing satire into high farce ..... Pages 3, 13

Bomb-makers die

At least eight Palestinians, including children, were killed and 30 injured when a "bomb factory" run by Islamic terrorists in a residential building in Gaza City blew up ..... Page 10

Pole coasts home — fresh, relaxed and £40,000 richer

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE Polish runner Malgorzata Sobanska was so fresh and relaxed at the finish of the London Marathon yesterday that few people would have thought she had just run more than 26 miles in the highest temperatures in the 15 years of the event. It was also the closest finish for the women's race.

Watched by hundreds of thousands of spectators, the 26,000 competitors struggled through heat of up to 70°F and drank 750,000 bottles of water to offset the effects of the warmth.

In the men's race, Dionicio Ceron, of Mexico, earned £176,100, a record amount of money for any athletics event staged in Britain, when he became the first man to win the London Marathon twice.

The women's race began at 9am and Sobanska, 25, finished before the temperatures reached their peak. Her victory over Manuela Machado, the European champion, was a surprise because she had entered the race only to earn selection for the world championships in Gothenburg in August. She said: "After 22 miles I thought that I would be third. But with just over a mile to go, I felt better and thought I could win it."

The Pole, running her sixth marathon, recorded her best time with 2 hours 27 minutes 43 seconds and earned £40,980 in prize money and bonuses.

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Sobanska, from Poznan, who is single and is studying physiotherapy at the Academy of Sport in Wroclaw, broke clear of Machado in the last mile to win by ten seconds. Ritva Lemettinen, of Finland, was third. Sobanska trailed Machado for much of the race and the European champion said afterwards: "I tried everything I could to get rid of the other two. But they would not go. With one mile to go, I knew that Sobanska was still very strong."

In the men's race, Ceron outsprinted Steve Moneghetti, the Commonwealth champion from Australia, by three seconds in 2 hours 8 minutes 30 seconds after Antonio Pinto, of Portugal, had been running at a world record pace for much of the race. However, Ceron and Moneghetti reeled him back along the Embankment in the last three miles.

One male competitor, in his 40s, died during the race, the fourth fatality since 1981.

Primaries take to the superhighway

BY OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

PLANS to link all 1,800 primary schools in Wales to the Internet, the world information network, are to be announced by John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary. The Minister is also urging schools to use new computer technology to teach English, Welsh and mathematics in traditional ways.

Mr Redwood has decided that the technology revolution must be brought to the classroom and is planning to use a speech shortly to pledge the £3 million needed to put schools on the communications "superhighway". Senior ministers believe that the swift growth of communications techniques must be seized upon by the education system. Some have been impressed when travelling round schools to see youngsters giving up their lunchbreaks to continue using their computers for French and German grammar lessons.

In a speech to the Conservative Political Centre, Mr Redwood called on schools to join the telecommunications world. "It is a dance to be joined to a Welsh tune, a jig to be turned by Welsh partners, a routine to be ingrained in the Welsh schoolroom," he said.

"Our children have no doubt. They are dancing to the tune of Cyberspace enthusiastically ... you can control the world at the touch of a button. They can travel the world from a classroom, learning as they watch, read and move the cursor.

"Even French grammar can captivate if it is presented in colour on a screen. They will become the new travellers on the Internet, enjoying its early fruits and perhaps creating its first rush hours," Mr Redwood said.

Last month, Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister and a former schools minister, launched a £750,000 pilot scheme for English schools called Schools Online.

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Tories' vote-winning ploy that puts off tough economic choices



If the tax burden is really to be reduced, voters should also be asked if they want lower public spending, ***Anatole Kaletsky*** *writes*

A DELAYED-ACTION tax cut, to be announced before the general election whether or not the Treasury can actually afford it, may seem like a foolproof wheeze for winning votes. But a promise of multi-year tax cuts carries more risks, both politically and economically, than the Prime Minister may yet realise.

The Treasury has always resisted making long-term promises about taxes for one fundamental reason. Economic events are unpredictable and it is impossible to say exactly how much money the Government will need several years ahead. In theory, of course, a government can stick to its tax promises and instead change its spending. But public spending can be slow and politically difficult to change; in practice, therefore, governments which tie their hands on taxes usually take an easier way out when the unexpected happens, as it always does: they allow public borrowing to take the strain.

This is exactly what happened in America from 1982 onwards, when the huge tax cuts promised by Ronald Reagan in 1980 failed to generate the extra revenues he had assumed. America has been struggling with enormous deficits ever since.

Britain had a similar experience under Nigel Lawson, who could fairly be described as the intellectual godfather of the delayed-action tax cut. During the 1980s, the then Chancellor used to publish a "Medium Term Financial Strategy", which set out the Government's spending and tax plans four years in advance. These plans had a line labelled "Implied Fiscal Adjustment", which Mr Lawson, now Lord Lawson of Blaby, openly acknowledged as code for future tax cuts. But his attempts to stick to his long-term plans and fiscal adjustments, instead of setting policy pragmatically in each Budget, depending on the needs of the economy, helped to cause the boom and bust of the late 1980s.

The possibility of causing serious economic problems sometime in the indefinite future has never deterred desperate governments, but the financial markets and the Bank of England have a way of foreshortening events. If tax-cutting promises look like jeopardising Britain's economic stability in the future, interest rates will rise sharply, undoing much of the political benefit. To avoid the threat of a financial backlash, therefore, Mr Major would have to qualify his promises of tax cuts in one of three ways.

First, he could make tax cuts clearly conditional on the economy's performance. But any such conditionality would make promises to cut taxes counter-productive — they might simply remind voters of similar promises made before the last election and then promptly reversed because of "unexpected" economic events. Second, Mr Major could set out a programme of cuts in income tax *rates, but say nothing* about the total burden of taxes. If necessary, such tax "cuts" could then be offset by higher VAT or National Insurance. Whether this approach would work politically would depend on Labour's skill in reviving public fury over VAT on fuel, dwindling mortgage reliefs, disappearing marriage allowances and other hidden taxes.

Finally, Mr Major could promise to cut the true burden of taxes, regardless of economic circumstances, but balance this promise with an equally firm commitment to public spending reductions of equivalent amount. If the Government laid out specific reductions in spending plans for pensions, education, *transport* and health in the same detail as its plans to cut taxes, the City, the Bank of England and Tory activists would be delighted. The trouble is that voters rarely want to pay for lower taxes with *tangible* cuts in public services. An honest plan for cuts in taxes and public spending would force them to make a clear choice.

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One in five bank jobs will be lost, says Lloyds boss

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

ONE *in five* bank workers will lose their jobs in the next few years as the industry undergoes wholesale rationalisation *similar to that suffered by* British manufacturing, the head of one of Britain's leading banks predicts.

Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive at Lloyds, estimated that 75,000 jobs would go, on top of the 90,000 lost since 1989. At its peak in 1989 the banking industry employed 460,000 people, since when some 3,000 bank and building society branches have closed.

Sir Brian has long said that there are too many jobs and branches, but he has now extended his warning to include other areas of the financial services such as insurance, saying that they are are only just beginning the cost-cutting practised by banks for years. Cutbacks *would hit the Southeast particularly* hard.

Rob O'Neill, spokesman for Banking Insurance and Finance Union described Sir Brian's forecast as "devastating". He said: "We have seen 100,000 jobs go over the last few years. This would mean we face the same level of job cuts for the next five years. Our view is that the job cuts *are not needed and will affect* customer service."



Pitman: long warned that cuts are needed

Lloyds Bank yesterday attempted to distance itself from *the job loss reports, which* appeared in a weekend newspaper, saying there was nothing new in the warnings and claiming it was unnecessarily upsetting for its staff. A Lloyds spokeswoman said that Sir Brian's remarks were quoted out of context after a private lunch last week. However, she did not deny them.

The Government was also at pains to play down the warning. John Townend, chairman of the Conservative backbench finance committee, conceded there would be some losses through "natural wastage" but said the figure given was "*rather high*" and "alarmist".

Harriet Harman, Shadow Employment Secretary, said *the warning would only in*crease job insecurity. "This latest threat of mass redundancies will spread the epidemic of job insecurity that the Government has created even further through the country."

The Lloyds spokeswoman said the bank was not about to announce any further cuts. "This process began five years ago. Lloyds Bank has always sought to cut jobs through natural wastage and voluntary redundancy. The banking *industry is going through the* same process that manufacturing industry went through ten years ago. New technology *has resulted in changes.*"

Computer technology, telephone banking and increased automation of some tasks formerly performed by clerks have all seen banks lose thousands of staff. "Past job cuts have been painful, but it has not been at the expense of our customers. We survey more than 400,000 customers *a quarter and they tell us that* our service has improved," the Lloyds spokeswoman added.

Fears of further widespread *job losses come after Friday's* approval of Lloyds's planned £1.8 billion takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, after society members voted overwhelmingly in favour of the merger. "The C&G acquisition won't lead to any job losses at all. It is a deal about expansion, not about rationalisation," Lloyds says.

A spokesman for National Westminster Bank said: "We are not going to speculate about job cuts. Above all, we have always attempted to achieve job cuts on a voluntary basis and by natural wastage. *In the past there have been* very few compulsory redundancies."

The NatWest group em*ployed some 108,900 people at* its peak in 1990. Since then there have been about 21,000 redundancies, though 14,900 *jobs have been created.* In the UK, there have been 16,200 jobs losses since 1990, while 11,400 have been created.

Barclays has cut about 18,000 jobs in the past five years, bringing its UK workforce down to about 65,000, largely as a result of new technology affecting back office staff. A spokesman *would not comment on future* plans at the bank but said: "There may well be a need for some jobs to go, but we are *also recruiting people at the* same time. We've also made a commitment that there will be no compulsory job cuts this year in our branch network."

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BARRY BATCHELOR

A smile from Captain Mike Lobb before he and his Royal Engineers' team defused the bomb

Bomb tamer becomes a local hero

BY EDWARD GORMAN

*CAPTAIN Michael Lobb, who success*fully defused a Luftwaffe bomb on the Isle of Portland in Dorset, was on his way to becoming a local hero last night.

Yesterday morning the *26-year-old* Royal Engineer had received a letter from Laura Gates, a schoolgirl, which he kept in his pocket throughout the operation. "I think you and your army are very brave and I would like to thank you for your help," she told him.

Four thousand residents evacuated from their homes were expected to return to their homes last night after the operation. The delicate operation to *disarm the half-ton device, thought to* have been dropped by a Heinkel bomber during a raid on Portland naval base in 1942, was scheduled to finish about 12 *hours earlier than originally planned.*

The evacuation to nearby holiday camps and caravan sites, which occasioned a return of the Dunkirk spirit in some but grumbling among others, did not go entirely without incident.

At one point the team of Royal *Engineers led by Captain Lobb had to* suspend work while a seven-year-old boy who broke his arm playing football on another part of the island was taken through the exclusion zone on his way to hospital. A couple who flew back from a two-week holiday in Tunisia unaware of the operation were surprised to find their home cordoned off.

Nine so-called "refuseniks" remained in the danger zone throughout the drama, having decided to stay even at the risk of possible arrest. In the event they were allowed to stay so long as they signed disclaimers.

Work on the device, found under a football pitch, began in earnest on Saturday night when Captain Lobb removed the rusting fuse. Working *through the night, he then drilled* through the casing to enable the explosive to be steamed out. Last night the operation was completed when a small charge was placed next to the bomb to destroy the detonator.

The scale of evacuation, which re*quired a patrol of 200 civil and military* police to ensure there was no looting of empty houses on the island, was defended by police and council officials. *Bill Raymond, of Weymouth and Port*land Borough Council, said: "If you don't do enough and something goes wrong, then you are in for criticism. When you are faced with a problem of this kind you have got to do everything possible to ensure that no one is at risk."

For those who stayed, it turned out to be an eerily quiet weekend. "It was a strange sensation," said Martin Rogers, 64, who with his German wife Lore enjoyed their regular Sunday afternoon siesta. "You could hear the silence. It was a very physical silence. I've never known a situation like it in my life before."

For many of the evacuees, the weekend turned out to be an opportunity for some nostalgic fun. At the Royal Exchange pub on Saturday night, a 1940s party was laid on, complete with uniforms, food and music from the war. Anyone turning up with a 1940s coin was given a free drink.

Law Society faces historic leadership challenge

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Law Society is facing the first challenge to its leadership in more than 40 years. In a move that has shocked the old guard of the Law Society Council, the governing body for 70,000 solicitors in England and Wales, grassroots members have declared that they will force an open election for the posts of president and vice president.

The challenge has been thrown down by Martin Mears and Robert Sayer, newly elected members of the Law Society Council, who believe the leadership is out of touch with the many solicitors who have suffered badly during the recession.

They are contesting the posts of president — which had been expected to pass automatically to John Young, a partner with the City law firm Cameron Markby Hewitt — and vice president, due to go to Henry Hodge, of the legal aid firm Hodge Jones & Allen. A third council member, *Eileen Pembridge, is also* running for president.

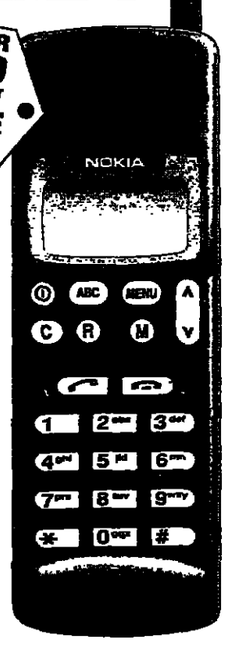
Their decisions to stand in June on an anti-Law Society ticket means that for the first time in 40 years the election will be by a postal ballot of members, and not just rubber-stamped by the council.

Mr Mears, a partner with Mears Hobbs & Durrant, a 40-lawyer firm based in Great Yarmouth, accuses the Law Society of having done "a bad job" in leading the profession. Mr Sayer, 43, a partner in the small general London practice of Sayer Moore and Co, said: "The public think we are all fat *cats* but times have been getting tougher and 65 per cent of firms are facing financial problems. Things are pretty dire."

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Identity cards head Tory agenda to tackle Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE introduction of compulsory identity cards, measures to boost home ownership and proposals to help people to keep more take-home pay were foreshadowed by John Major at the weekend as he set out his "new agenda" to tackle Tony Blair in the battle for middle-class votes.

In his speech to the Conservative Central Council in Birmingham the Prime Minister gave a clear indication that ID cards were on the way *when he said that a paper to* be issued by the Home Office soon would consult people on such a scheme.

A senior Downing Street official said: "There are going to be identity cards of some shape or form, for example in the social security field. The only question is how wide it should go."

Under a housing White Paper to be introduced soon, about one million housing association tenants will be granted the right to buy their homes with large discounts.

Mr Major said that too many people were "still trapped in grey, impersonal housing estates" and ministers clearly hope that creating another generation of homeowners will help them in a general election.

Mr Major gave clear indications that there will be further cuts in inheritance tax. "Over the past decade we've doubled the threshold at which inheritance tax becomes payable. It's been difficult to go further in *the last two or three years. But* I'm committed to doing so as soon as we can afford it."

Reiterating the Government's target of reducing the standard rate of income tax to 20p, Mr Major also gave a strong hint of more tax breaks to encourage people to build up savings. "We want people to have the security and independence savings provide. We want to do more to encourage them."

While Mr Major heralded the "next phase of Conservatism", the majority of his more than two dozen policy pronouncements related to plans that are already in train, have been announced, or build on successful Tory policies. Downing Street staff insisted that much more is expected from the trawl for new policies by the manifesto policy groups established by the Prime Minister a few weeks ago.

Mr Major's *sometimes in*formal speech was well received by an audience of the party's hardened professionals, *who are notoriously diffi*cult to whip into enthusiasm.

His most passionate remarks came when he *launched a fightback against* renewed speculation that his leadership days may be numbered. He was strongly cheered when he said: "I did not struggle my way from a small terraced flat to this platform just for the hell of it. You don't just drift into Downing Street. I am here because I care and I know this country can be a better place for all of us."

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pre-election row. He also risked upsetting Tory MPs by saying, only five days before the Scottish elections, that the Conservatives faced a crisis.

He said: "The crisis that is faced by our party is not that they (supporters) have lost faith in what we want to do or what we have done, but rather that the difference between the parties has become blurred."

Mr Portillo's firm backing for Mr Major came after the Prime Ministerspoke passionately at the Conservative Central Council meeting of his determination to see off potential challengers and win a fifth successive election for the Tories. It might be a "monumental scrap", he said, but he had never run away from a fight in his life.

"I didn't struggle my way from a small terraced flat to this platform just for the hell of it. You don't just drift into Downing Street."

In his interview, Mr Portillo said: "If the Conservative Party gets into the habit, half-way through each parliament, of removing its leader, I don't think it's going to do the party any good. I don't think that helps our credibility."

He is seen as a strong candidate to contest the Tory leadership one day. But the view at Westminster is that Michael Heseltine or Kenneth Clarke would be more likely to benefit *if Mr Major were to fall soon.*

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Labour wants lottery prizes spread wider

Labour called for a shake-up of the national lottery yesterday to spread prize winnings more widely. With two ticket-holders confirmed as winning this weekend's record jackpot of £22.2 million, Chris Smith, Shadow National Heritage Secretary, suggested a bigger share-out of prizes, a possible ceiling on jackpot wins and a cut in the 11 per cent takings of the lottery organiser Camelot.

Camelot said 11 tickets matched five numbers plus the bonus number and won £338,715 each, 642 *matched five* numbers (£3,627), 50,717 won £101 each and more than 1.1 million won a £10 prize for three numbers.

Mountain bodies found

Three bodies were found yesterday on a mountainside in Glencoe after climbers noticed one man dead in the snow. A mountain rescue team called to recover the avalanche victim searched the area and found the two others near by. They have not yet been positively identified but are believed to be a father and son and their friend from West Yorkshire who went missing five weeks ago.

Panorama challenge

The Labour Party is considering calling for a judicial review of the BBC's decision to broadcast a *Panorama interview* with John Major tonight, three days before the Scottish local elections. The party claims that the interview breaches the impartiality undertakings in the BBC's guidelines to producers. Labour's *Robin Cook said that trailers for the* programme were "like a Tory party political broadcast".

Blandford charged

The Marquess of Blandford was charged last night with two counts of forging prescriptions, one of theft and one of making off without paying a taxi fare. The Marquess, 39, will appear before Horseferry Road magistrates in central London this morning. A Scotland Yard spokesman said he had been arrested in a hotel room in Earls Court.

Spencer press complaint

Earl Spencer, the brother of the Princess of Wales, issued a statement to say that his wife was being treated for psychological problems. He attacked sections of the tabloid press for "constantly harassing" Countess Spencer, a former model, during her stay at a private clinic. He said he planned to complain formally to the Press Complaints Commission.

Premiere that should have restored company's reputation becomes high farce

Opera's first night adds to ENO woes

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A SERIES of embarrassing blunders ruined the British premiere of English National Opera's *Life with an Idiot*, transforming what should have been a disturbing satire by Schnittke into high farce.

After the recent opening of *Don Giovanni* ("little or nothing to recommend it", "a long, long evening desperately lacking in pace", "woefully underrehearsed", the critics said), the *embattled ENO is under* pressure to impress.

This is a politically sensitive time for London's second opera company. Supporters want National Lottery money to help to pay the £40 million needed to refurbish its Coliseum home. There has been an outcry at the proposal that ENO should close for repairs at the same time as the capital's other main opera venue, the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

A recent report for the Arts Council of England, on the provision of opera and dance in London, was seen as favouring the needs of the Royal Opera over those of its rival down the road. The report suggested reducing the number of performances given by ENO at its home theatre, allowing the venue to house large-scale dance companies. There was mention of ENO mounting musicals at the Coliseum to bolster its box office. More radically, the Stevenson report offered the possibility of closing the company altogether. So the British premiere of a work by one of Russia's greatest living composers should have restored the reputation of the "people's opera".

Twenty minutes after the curtain was supposed to rise on Saturday night in front of celebrities from stage, screen and politics, final repairs were being made to the set. A faulty stage truck had to be given new wheels and an oil change.

When the opera finally began, there was further calamity. "There was a very serious hiccup just at the point where the big shock scene is supposed to be occurring," said David Murray, music critic of the *Financial Times*. "We are supposed to have the idiot buggering the hero in his bath and the bath only got half-way down from the flies and was left hanging there." A harassed stage hand appeared and her colleagues' frantic shouts could be heard as they tried to correct the error.

A statue of Brezhnev as a fat urinating cherub was obscured by a dangling bath. Instead of climbing into the tub to seduce the hero, the idiot had to remain *in situ*, while the object of his lust peered lonesomely from the prop.

Rodney Milnes of *The Times* declared the pandemonium was the worst he had seen in 40 years of opera-going. "To have two pretty bad new productions one after another is obviously unfortunate to say the least."

Victor Erofeyev, the librettist, was there to see his words translated into a foul-mouthed script worthy of one by Quentin Tarantino. Dennis Marks, general director of ENO, said yesterday: "He thought it was the best production of the thing he had seen. He stayed at the party until one in the morning, having a terribly good time."

Life with an Idiot, a co-production with Scottish Opera, will be performed twice again at the Coliseum before moving to Glasgow, Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne.



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DONALD COOPER



David Barrell, left, as the husband, Louisa Kennedy-Richardson, the wife, and Alasdair Elliott, the idiot

Joyrider's father wants him locked up

A FATHER urged Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to lock up his tearaway 12-year-old son yesterday.

The boy is said to be responsible for a string of crimes, including 60 cases of taking without consent. The boy is wanted in connection with an assault on two policemen and has run away from his foster home 20 times.

Yesterday his father, a 35-year-old divorcé, pleaded: "He wants locking up for his own safety and for the safety of others."

The father, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said: "He needs a short, sharp shock. If that doesn't do any good, then nothing will and he will carry on down the slippery slope until he discovers drugs and firearms. He is my son and I love him — but I don't know him any more."

The boy is facing charges at Calder Youth Court, West Yorkshire, of assaulting a policeman, burglary, taking without consent, shoplifting and robbery. He ran away after leaving court last week and his father said: "We haven't a clue where he is now. We have tried everything from a good hiding to keeping him in. His foster parents have taken him on holidays abroad, but nothing makes any difference."

The father is supported by his local councillor on Calderdale council, Pat Asquith, who has written to Mr Howard on the family's behalf urging him to put young tearaways in a secure unit.

Low-tech musical steals show from Fagin's boys

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SMALL-SCALE musical with no special effects won five Olivier awards last night, beating off the challenge from *Oliver!*, its grander and more publicised rival.

She Loves Me, which ran for only nine months when it first opened on Broadway in 1963, took the musical category awards for best revival, best director, best actor, best actress and best supporting performer. The songs were written by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, best known for *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Scott Ellis's revival was applauded by the critics as a good, old-fashioned, love story that did not rely on special effects. "There are no rollerskates here," one reviewer said approvingly.

The awards were also a triumph for subsidised theatre, which won all the drama awards. The winners included two productions that fuelled a debate about the supposed preponderance of gay theatre in the West End. David Bamber won Best Actor for his role in *My Night with Reg*, which was commended for its treatment of homosexuality. It also won Best Comedy. Declan Donnellan won Best Director of a Play with his all-male *As You Like It*, which also won Best Revival.

Star actors were upstaged by lesser-known performers. The Oscar nominee Nigel Hawthorne was passed over for Niall Buggy in *Dead Funny*. Best Actress went to Clare Higgins in *Sweet Bird of Youth* at the Royal National Theatre. One critic described her as "an actress for whom greatness beckons".

It was a good night for the National. The BBC Award for Best Play went to Arthur Miller's *Broken Glass*, which has transferred to the Duke of York's. One of its cast, Ken Stott, was voted Best Supporting Actor. Dora Bryan won Best Supporting Actress for *The Birthday Party*.

The awards are judged by members of the public and independent professionals, rather than by critics.

The awards included:

Best Director of a Musical: Scott Ellis (*She Loves Me*); Best Actress in Musical: Ruthie Henshall (*She Loves Me*); Best Actor in Musical: John Gordon Sinclair (*She Loves Me*); Costume Design: Deirdre Clancy (*Love's Labour's Lost* and *A Month in the Country*); Lighting Designer: Mark Henderson for work during year; Best Entertainment: Maria Friedman for *Special Arrangement*; New Opera: ENO's *Khovanshchina*; New Dance: Royal Ballet's *Fearful Symmetries*; Set Designer: Stephen Brimson Lewis, *Design for Living*; Oustanding Achievement in Opera: Roberto Alagna, *Romeo et Juliette*. Oustanding Achievement in Dance: Peter Mumford, lighting design in *Fearful Symmetries* and *The Glass Blew In*; Best Theatre Choreographer: David Atkins and Dein Perry for *Hot Shoe Shuffle*; American Express Award for Best Musical: *Once On This Island*.

The ceremony, at the Shaftesbury Theatre, will be televised today on BBC2.



Dame Lucie: "quiet, with astonishing authority"

Lucie Rie, inspiration to potters, dies at 93

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

DAME LUCIE RIE, Britain's most distinguished potter, died at her home in London on Saturday aged 93.

Dame Lucie, who was born in Vienna, fled the Nazis after the Anschluss in 1938 and moved to the mews studio near Marble Arch, complete with kiln, where she lived until her death. She had been in declining health since suffering a stroke five years ago.

Her works have been exhibited around the world and are currently on show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Pottery crafted by Dame Lucie has fetched high prices, including a vase with "volcanic" glaze which sold for £15,000.

Dame Lucie's close friend, Cyril Frankel, a director of Bonhams auctioneers, was at her bedside when she died. He said: "She was Britain's greatest living potter and her work was known around the world."

Sir David Attenborough, a collector of her work who presented a BBC film of her life in 1982, said: "She was a small, quiet lady who would always dress in white, normally a trouser suit. She had an astonishing authority and would be able to prick pretension in a way that would leave you gasping.

"I have a number of pots of hers. She was the inspiration for potters of a generation who would admire her without copying her. She was extremely prolific in the colours and shapes she produced and never made anything the same twice."

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Five-pound frame hid a £30,000 landscape

BY JOHN SHAW

AN UNKNOWN watercolour by Richard Parkes Bonington, the 19th-century British landscape artist, was discovered by Christie's in Paris yesterday.

The painting, of a coastal view of Dunkirk, was identified only after the cheap frame was removed to reveal the artist's signature. It is thought to be worth £30,000.

Andrew Clayton-Payne, head of the watercolour department at Christie's in London, who was in Paris at the time, said: "It was just one of those lucky things. It was a lovely little picture but it was in the cheapest frame imaginable, which probably cost about £5.

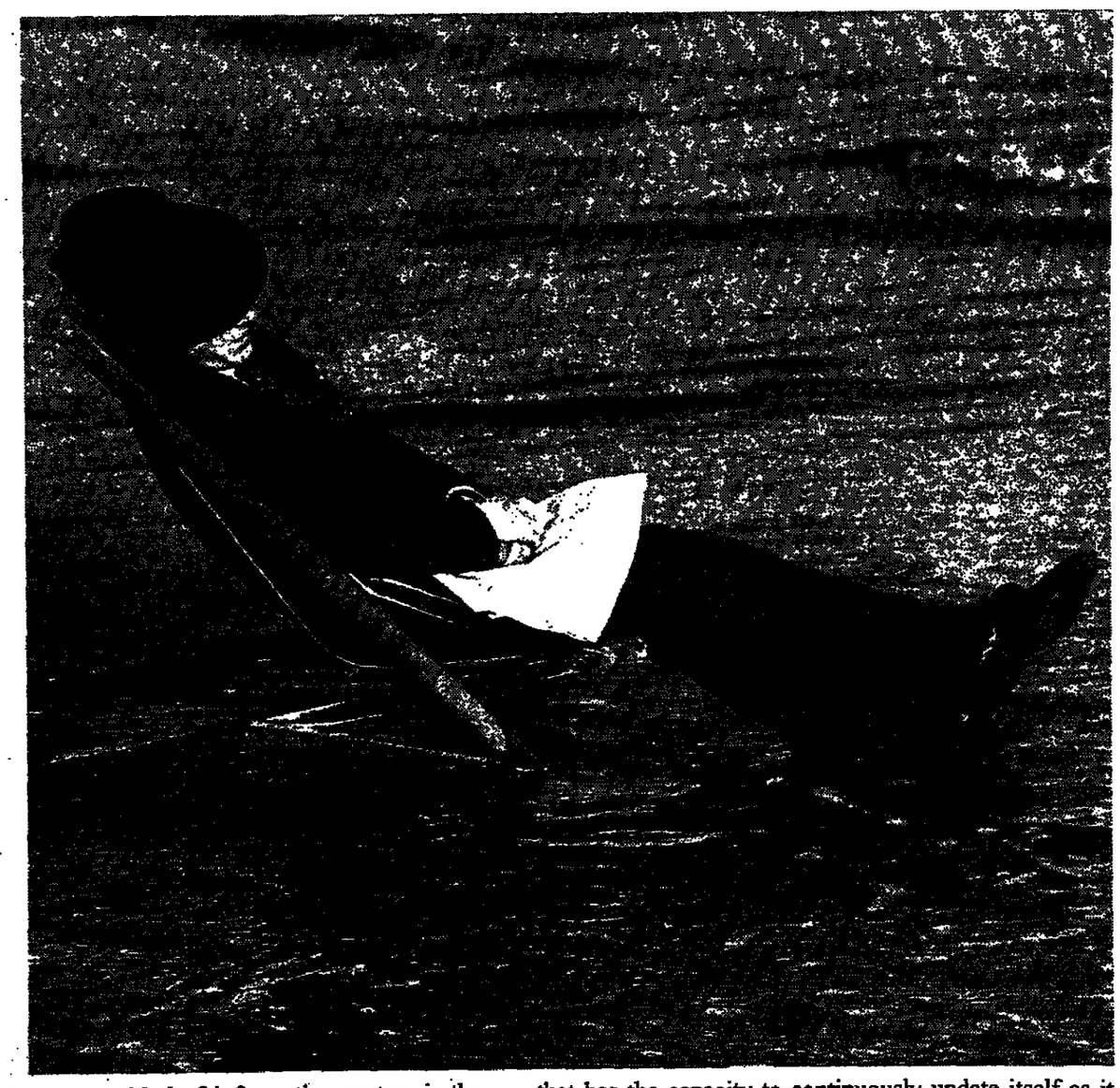
"The picture was close-framed and because there was no mount it covered up the signature and the date. It must have been like that for 30 or 40 years. The owner was quite unaware who it was by or what it was worth. We were all rather bowled over when we saw the name."

Bonington (1802-1828) was one of the most influential artists of his generation, whose virtuoso style attracted many English and French imitators. He was born near Nottingham but studied and worked in France. His style leant itself to landscape and the "new" picture probably comes from a group of watercolours usually dated about 1824.

The study, entitled *Dunkerque From the Sea*, will be sold at an auction of British drawings and watercolours in London on April 25.

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Officers demand counselling to cope with 'horrifying' cases

Police traumatised by inquiries into child sex abuse

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

FIVE HUNDRED Scotland Yard officers working on cases of child abuse and domestic violence are being screened for stress risks after evidence of breakdowns and early retirements on medical grounds.

The workload of child protection teams has increased greatly. In two years recorded cases of sex attacks on children have risen from 305 to 494 and officers also examine many hundreds of other allegations.

There is increasing awareness among forces across the country that working on the teams can be dangerous for the long-term health of officers, some of whom may serve up to five years. Forces are being urged to monitor the health of staff, and a recent report on policing in south-west London, by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, called on Scotland Yard to start routine checks by occupational health experts.

One London detective who worked with a child protection team and eventually became ill said: "My wife was against me doing the work because she thought I would be affected by it. She was right. Even the most horrific murders don't have the same effect as the dreadful things perpetrated on children."

The cases included sexual assaults on children as young as two. The officer, who was sick for months, said: "The things that men are capable of doing is pretty horrifying and if you see it time and time again it makes you disgusted and ashamed."

No single case tipped the balance but he said he found himself changing from being relaxed and easy-going into becoming aggresive and wound up. He suffered memory loss, tinnitus and chest pains, and began to have domestic difficulties.

Another officer was found wandering the offices of a unit in tears and blaming himself for the death of a baby. One investigator, handling a case in which a father sold the sexual services of his nine-year-old daughter to a group of men, could not cope. In another team an officer was sent on sick leave after his colleagues noticed him sitting for hours at his desk unable to work.

The Police Federation, which represents all ranks up to chief inspector, has begun the first detailed survey of the 60 domestic violence units and the 26 child protection teams in London. Sergeant Michael Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan branch of the federation and organiser of the survey, said there was concern about the availability of counselling. One senior officer set up a fund of only £140 to provide counselling for more than 30 officers.

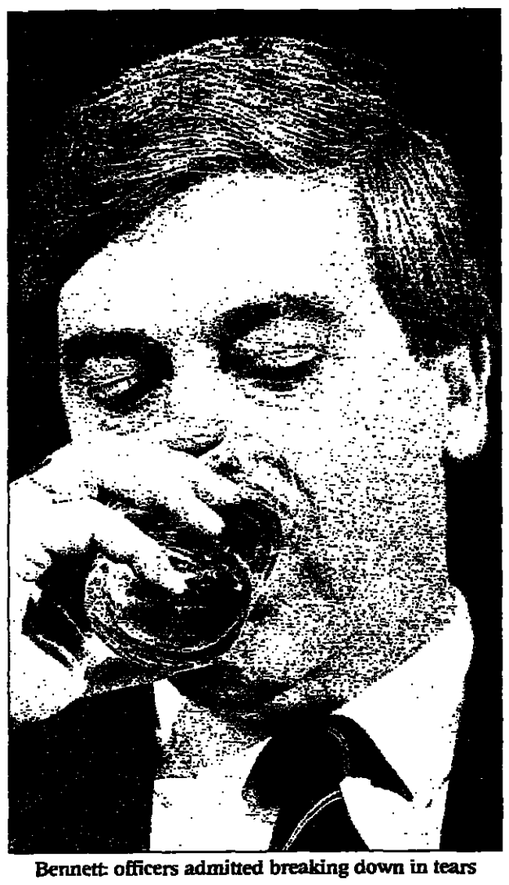
Mr Bennett said he launched the survey after finding that officers were denying any effects on their private lives, yet were admitting that they sometimes broke down and cried for no reason or always had a drink as soon as they returned home.

WPC Jackie Cole, a former child protection team officer and now a representative for WPCs, said: "You go before a selection board for this work, you are given training but there is no system of debriefing or talking through the work. You deal with murder and appalling treatment of children but you can't unwind and talk about it."

She said there were cases in which officers had retired on medical grounds because of the stress. There were also fears that officers were refusing to recognise that they were suffering from stress because they worried that they might be penalised when they applied for promotion or transfer to other units.

If an officer went sick with stress it would remain on their medical record, which would be examined before a transfer, she said. If they asked to move from the work before their agreed tenure was complete, that could also count against them.

Scotland Yard said it could not comment on the survey or whether the advice to set up occupational health inspections had been taken up.



Bennett: officers admitted breaking down in tears

Test tube babies blessed with the best parents

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

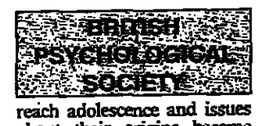
COUPLES who have test tube babies make better parents than those who have their babies naturally, psychologists have found.

Genetic ties are less important to a successful family than a strong desire for parenthood. Mothers and fathers of children conceived through *in vitro* fertilisation or donor insemination were more involved with their children than the parents of those conceived naturally.

A study of almost 200 families by researchers from City University, London, will help to allay fears that the new reproductive technologies are damaging families and child development.

The researchers found that mothers with a child conceived by assisted reproduction were warmer and more emotionally involved with their child than other mothers. The children conceived in the test tube, aged between four and eight, showed no differences in their emotions, behaviour or relationships from naturally conceived children, even when they had no genetic link with their parents.

Dr Rachel Cook, who led the study presented at the annual conference of the British Psychological Society in Warwick yesterday, said: "Our findings show that you don't need to have genetic links with children to have good relationships with them. However, it may be different for different people. People for whom the genetic link was very important wouldn't undergo IVF. But we don't know what will happen when they



reach adolescence and issues about their origins become more important."

☐ A study of children raised in lesbian families shows that most grow up to be heterosexual and have good relationships with parents and friends, including their fathers. A group of 21 young adults were studied at age 9 and again at age 23. The findings show that they are well-adjusted adults, although some were teased at school, but are more likely to explore same-sex relationships.

Teachers hampered by attitude to bullies

MEASURES by schools against bullying do work, according to a study presented to the conference.

Results from the Sheffield Bullying Project, carried out in four schools over four years showed that, over the period, children became more sympathetic to victims. They became more likely to say that they were upset by bullying and that they would try to help someone being bullied.

However, a survey of bullying in the schools found that while it had fallen among the boys, in three of the schools it had increased among the girls.

Mike Eslea, of the University of Sheffield, said that although most adults were sympathetic to the victims of bullying, some admired bullies and had no sympathy for children who told the teacher when they were teased. Teachers say that their work to stop bullying has been hampered by these attitudes.

Mr Eslea said that some parents were not keen on anti-bullying projects, instead encouraging their children simply to hit back if they were attacked. Of the 29 parents interviewed for the study, five agreed with the statement: "I can't stand kids who keep running to the teacher."

☐ The sharp increase in deaths of drug users in Glasgow may be linked to injectors mixing the sleeping pill temazepam with heroin.

Dr Richard Hammersley, of the Behavioural Sciences Group at Glasgow University, told the conference that drug users who injected temazepam were at risk of memory loss, blackouts and behaving violently.

About one in 25 people in Scotland aged 16 to 30 takes the drug orally for its intoxicating effects, according to Dr Hammersley.

☐ Missing the occasional meal does not affect memory or concentration. A study of 21 women over five weeks at the Institute of Food Research, Reading, found that when they starved themselves for 24 hours or missed one or two meals, their speed of reaction, concentration and memory were unaffected.

Let crying babies lie and mothers sleep

MOTHERS who lift their babies from their cots when they cry are more likely to have disturbed nights than those who leave them, according to a study.

A team from Warwick University found that mothers who responded to crying by picking up the child, walking up and down, feeding, taking into bed or changing the nappy were more likely to have children with sleeping problems than those who did less.

The study of 49 mothers found they were woken on average six times a week when their babies were a month old and twice a week when they were 17 months old. Those who took the baby into the parental bed at one month old were likely to suffer more disturbed nights at 17 months old.

Professor David Messer, who presented the findings to the British Psychological Society's conference, said: "There was nothing that any mother did that made us think that's the solution, but there were some things that put them at higher risk of running into problems."

The best strategy appeared to be minimally to disturb the child, leaving it in its cot and feeding it or singing to it or cuddling it while it lay there. "Parents should follow their instincts," Professor Messer said. "There is no right or wrong way of doing things."

Study explains taboo of incest

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ADOPTED children who search out their natural parents and siblings years later often fall in love with them, a study at London University has shown.

The research casts a new light on the "incest taboo", suggesting that sex between close relations is uncommon more because familiarity reduces sexual desire than because of any strong cultural code.

Dr Maurice Greenberg and Professor Roland Littlewood, of University College London, have found a surprisingly high level of what post-adoption counsellors call "genetic sexual attraction" — a tendency to fall in love with mothers, sisters, brothers, or fathers when reintroduced to them as an adult. They report in *The British Journal of Medical Psychology* that more than 50 per cent of those counselled "experienced strong sexual feelings in reunions".

Those who experienced such emotions spoke of an intense, explosive and almost irresistible "falling in love". In several cases, sexual intimacy was seen to be an appropriate and almost inevitable response to these feelings. "It was something to do with recognition: it was like kinship, the proof you're finding each other. It was just mutual, unspoken," said one.

One man, a 22-year old civil servant, describes meeting his mother and feeling an immediate, mutual attraction. A 35-year-old nurse traced her father and found "his skin felt like mine and he smelt like me". They went on to have a sexual relationship.

The relationships were often anticipated before the reunion and frequently followed the detailed noting of physical similarities, personality and even smell. "He was me in another body," one young woman said about a brother with whom she had an affair.

The scientists say that the study tends to confirm the theory of Edward Westermark, a 19th-century anthropologist, that incest is rare in all societies not because inbreeding increases the risk of genetic disease, but because close proximity over a long period reduces sexual interest. This thesis is also supported by the study of non-related children raised together in Israeli *kibbutzim*, who seldom develop sexual relationships.

"The cultural taboo merely serves to underline society's distaste at something which has generally been unlikely," the scientists conclude.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

A hernia stitch in time will save pain, trouble and lives

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Michael Foot, who had a hernia operation at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, at the weekend, is setting an example to all other octogenarians by having his hernia repaired.

Hernias — the older term of rupture is not always accurate — only become dangerous and need emergency surgery when they strangulate. In that condition the small weak patch in the abdominal wall through which the guts have been thrust is so tight that it acts as a ligature around the piece of intestine that is in the hernia, which in turn starved of blood can become gangrenous.

A hernia treated by surgery during the day by an experienced surgeon, with his trained team, and full anaesthetic staff, and while the patient is relaxed and pain free is very safe and quite different from an emergency operation, perhaps in the middle of the night, when relatively junior staff, possibly already tired, may be coping. *Patients, whether newborn or aged, should have their hernias repaired as soon as it is feasible after diagnosis.*

Hernias can occur at any age. In the case of babies born with umbilical hernia so that their belly buttons protrude, elderly relatives should be prevented from trying to pop their navels back and keep them in check with a coin tightly strapped to the baby's skin with plaster. An overwhelming majority of them disappear spontaneously within a year or two.

Babies, particularly premature ones, may also be born with an inguinal hernia in the groin, which nature will not cure. As they can strangulate, operations should be carried out when they are diagnosed or as soon as the baby is over five pounds. Ninety per cent of hernias affect the groin, 8.5 per cent the umbilicus and 1.5 per cent are rarer forms. Ruptures may occur in older patients because of weakness in the abdominal wall, although they can also occur in the young and athletic.

There is controversy over the best method of repair. Endoscopic, keyhole surgery is increasingly advocated but there are risks, which some doctors consider too high. Improved forms of open traditional surgery are now available that can be carried out under sedation and local anaesthesia rather than under a general anaesthetic.

Not long ago a patient of mine, the master of a livery company, had a hernia repaired by traditional surgery on a Friday after work, was presiding at his company's dinner the next Monday and was able to stand as straight as a ramrod when he proposed the Royal toast.

Mawhinney acts to pacify drivers over M25 delays

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TRIAL measures to reduce delays on the M25 will be announced by Brian Mawhinney today in an attempt to reassure motorists that he has not abandoned the battle against road congestion.

In a Commons statement, the Transport Secretary will confirm that plans for a 14-lane superhighway in Surrey have been scrapped on environmental grounds in favour of a more politically acceptable mix of proposals. These will include some limited road-widening on the busiest part of the M25, the introduction of advanced "congestion-busting" traffic management technology and plans for improved public transport links with London.

The proposal still means that an extra lane in each direction will have to be built between junctions 12 and 16, the busiest stretch of motorway in Europe, to create Britain's first 10-lane motorway. However, because ten lanes can be contained within the existing limits of the road no public inquiry will be necessary. The 10-lane option, opposed by some local residents' groups, is supported by Surrey County Council.

The widening will provide some relief on a 15-mile stretch of motorway that carries up to 200,000 vehicles a day and serves as a feeder route for Heathrow but is often clogged with nose-to-tail queues of traffic.

The proposals reflects the Transport Secretary's anxiety not to alienate car drivers by appearing to embrace too enthusiastically the arguments of environmentalists.

At the Conservative Central Council meeting in Birmingham on Saturday he heaped praise on car ownership as the embodiment of the Tory values of "freedom, choice, opportunity and responsibility". Speaking yesterday on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*, he described the M25 as "one of the great liberating roads of this country".

However, the Tory supporting roads lobby remains deeply suspicious of the Government's increasing willingness to accept environmentalists' arguments.

In his announcement today Dr Mawhinney will also tell MPs of plans for the introduction of new technology that automatically reduces the motorway speed limit when it detects very heavy traffic levels.

Studies have shown that drivers get most frustrated by the "stop-start" driving conditions typical of the M25 rather than a slow but steady flow of vehicles. The equipment is to begin trials on the M25 next month. More radical proposals unlikely to be announced today but still under consideration include more traffic lights at M25 slip roads and even the closure of some sliproads at peak traffic times.

Dr Mawhinney will emphasise the importance of improving public transport, to tempt people away from their cars. Today's statement will also reflect the new government view that, because of the extra traffic new roads generate, it is not always practical to build them as a response to every congestion problem. "People will have to accept that there is some degree of congestion at some times in the day that you cannot build out of," a senior government source said.

Despite the Transport Secretary's commitment to widen the M25, the Government's roads programme is still under immense pressure from the Treasury, with £700 million backed from the road-building budget over the next three years.



Mawhinney: to tell MPs of trial measures

Football fans trade their anthems on the Internet

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL fanatics are going on-line as the information superhighway offers a new avenue for their obsession. Followers of more than 40 clubs have launched computer "fanzines" on the Internet.

Supporters are harnessing the network that links computer-users across the globe to trade jokes, terrace anthems, match reports, photographs and reams of statistics about their favourite teams. Crystal Palace is the only Premier League team without an on-line fanzine. Half of the 24 first division clubs have started one, as well as a handful of non-league clubs such as Barrow AFC and Halifax Town.

Academics, advertising executives, scientists and students are frequent contributors to the often irreverent fanzines. Players are abused more often than praised as fans use electronic mail to debate their team's performance. Trivia questions ask, for example, which team conceded a goal from inside the six-yard box to a German called Uwe in two successive games this season? (answer: Watford).

The Arsenal fanzine includes a place for "net surfers" (readers) to swap terrace chants, which can then be printed out as a song-sheet for matchdays. The latest includes alternative but hardly inspired lyrics to Sheryl Crowe's hit single *All I Wanna Do*: "What we're gonna do, is beat the scum, then we'll show, we are London's number one."

A "Where Are They Now?" section invites surfers to help to track former players. It discloses, for example, that Sammy Nelson, the former Arsenal left back, is an insurance salesman in Brighton. The fanzines appeal to particularly passionate supporters. One Swindon Town fan, a research scientist for Unilever, confessed on-line that previously, when exiled at university, his mother would take down local radio reports in shorthand and read them to him over the telephone.

Goh Mui, 29, from Hong Kong, e-mailed to say that he flew in specially last season to watch Swindon play Manchester United at Old Trafford even though his team was doomed to relegation. He said: "It cost me £1,500 but I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Paul Neve, a 21-year-old graduate computer analyst, started an on-line fanzine for Millwall supporters in September. It is called *You'll Never Make The Station*, an ironic reference to the violent reputation of some of the east London club's supporters. He said: "One surfer from the United States e-mailed to say he was at school with Millwall's American goalkeeper, Kasey Keller, and asked whether we wanted to pass on any messages to his family. We told him that Kasey should stop dribbling around his penalty area."

Tony Barry, senior copy writer at the Lowe Howard-Spink advertising agency, a committed surfer and Millwall season ticket-holder, said: "This is the new executive toy. My wife complains she is a computer widow so I have to use it after midnight."

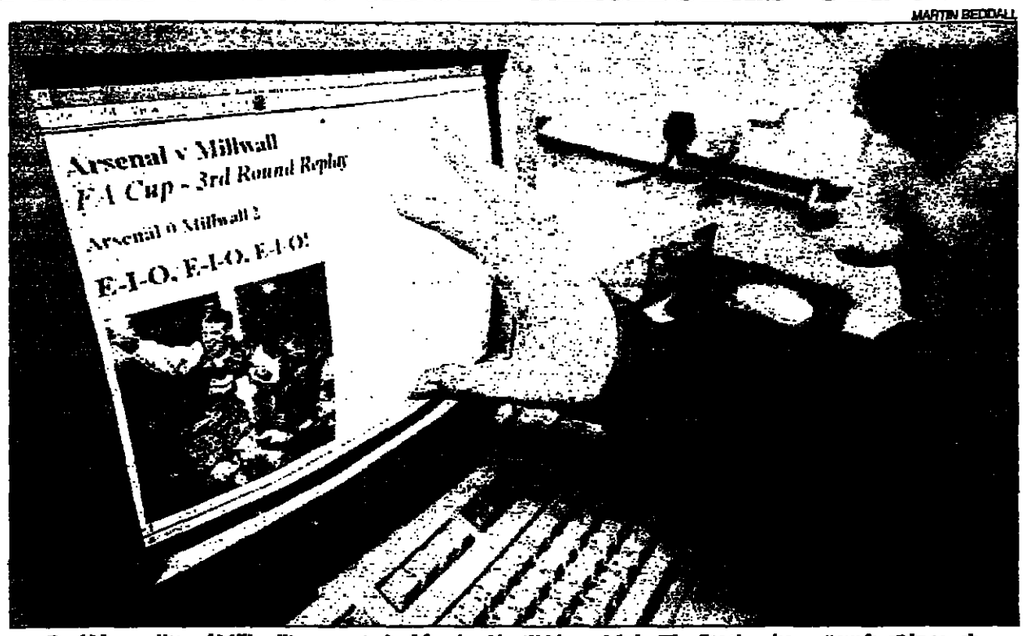
Luton Town supporters run one of the most sophisticated fanzines, *WHOSH, Worldwide Hatters On the Super Highway*. Local radio commentaries, extracts from newspaper reports and eye-witness accounts from home and away fans give surfers more than 20 views on the same match.

Liam Madden, a lecturer at Imperial College, London, who founded the service with an academic at Oxford, said fanzines for clubs in the lower divisions tended to be better than those for famous rivals: "We are a bit more fanatical in our obscurity. It's a wonderful way of meeting up with kindred spirits."

WHOSH has more than 100 regular contributors and followers, including eight in America, three in Australia, and others in Sweden, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Malaysia and France. The service has close links with the club, even sponsoring the kit of one of its players, Jamie Woodsford.

Liverpool has three on-line fanzines. One of Reading's two is *Hob Nob Anyone?*, which is trying to attract on-line Jimmy Quinn, the club's joint manager, so that supporters can send him e-mail. Third division Colchester has attracted 127 surfers in ten days.

☐ *You'll Never Make The Station* can be found at: HTTP://ZIPPY.SPODS.DCS.KCL.AC.UK/LOCCY



Paul Neve, editor of Millwall's computerised fanzine *You'll Never Make The Station*, keeps "surfers" in touch

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Man killed in minibus accident

A man died yesterday when a minibus carrying members of a gospel choir from Peckham, southeast London, overturned on the M6. A woman in the bus, which somersaulted on to the central reservation near the Stoke-on-Trent south exit, was flown to hospital with serious injuries. Police say the bus careered across two lanes when a tyre burst.

Falcons thriving

Numbers of peregrine falcons have nearly doubled since before the Second World War to over 1,280 breeding pairs, according to the British Trust for Ornithology. The population has increased by two thirds since the last survey in 1981.

River death

A 21-year-old man from Leeds having a football kickabout with a friend and two children near the River Wharfe at Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire, was swept to his death after wading into the water to retrieve the ball.

Weevil of drink

The landlord of the Black Lion in St Albans, Hertfordshire, is claiming the oldest pub site in Britain after two dead weevils, believed to have arrived with Roman soldiers, were discovered in a malting oven and were dated to AD 60 to 250.

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A photograph published on Friday in connection with a report about Jonathan Aitken and the sale of arms to Iran was wrongly captioned. It was a photograph of Christopher Gumbley, former chief executive of Astra Holdings, and not John Anderson, a director of Astra. It was Mr Anderson whose misleading statements were referred to in the DTI report. We apologise for the mistake.

Staff sell-off defended by English Heritage

BY EDWARD GORMAN

ENGLISH Heritage yesterday defended its decision to "sell off" nearly a third of its staff amid concern that conservation and maintenance standards of historic buildings will decline in the private sector.

The agency is putting out to tender its entire historic properties restoration department, comprising 250 skilled craftsmen and their management tier. A further 100 architects, landscape architects, surveyors and engineers from the design and works department will also be privatised.

Privatisation means that all routine maintenance and much restoration on buildings and monuments ranging from Rievaulx Abbey to Dover Castle and Stonehenge will be carried out by private companies from April next year. The slimming down of English Heritage is part of the Government's drive for efficiency and value for money in Whitehall. But critics believe the 400 properties in the agency's care could be at risk.

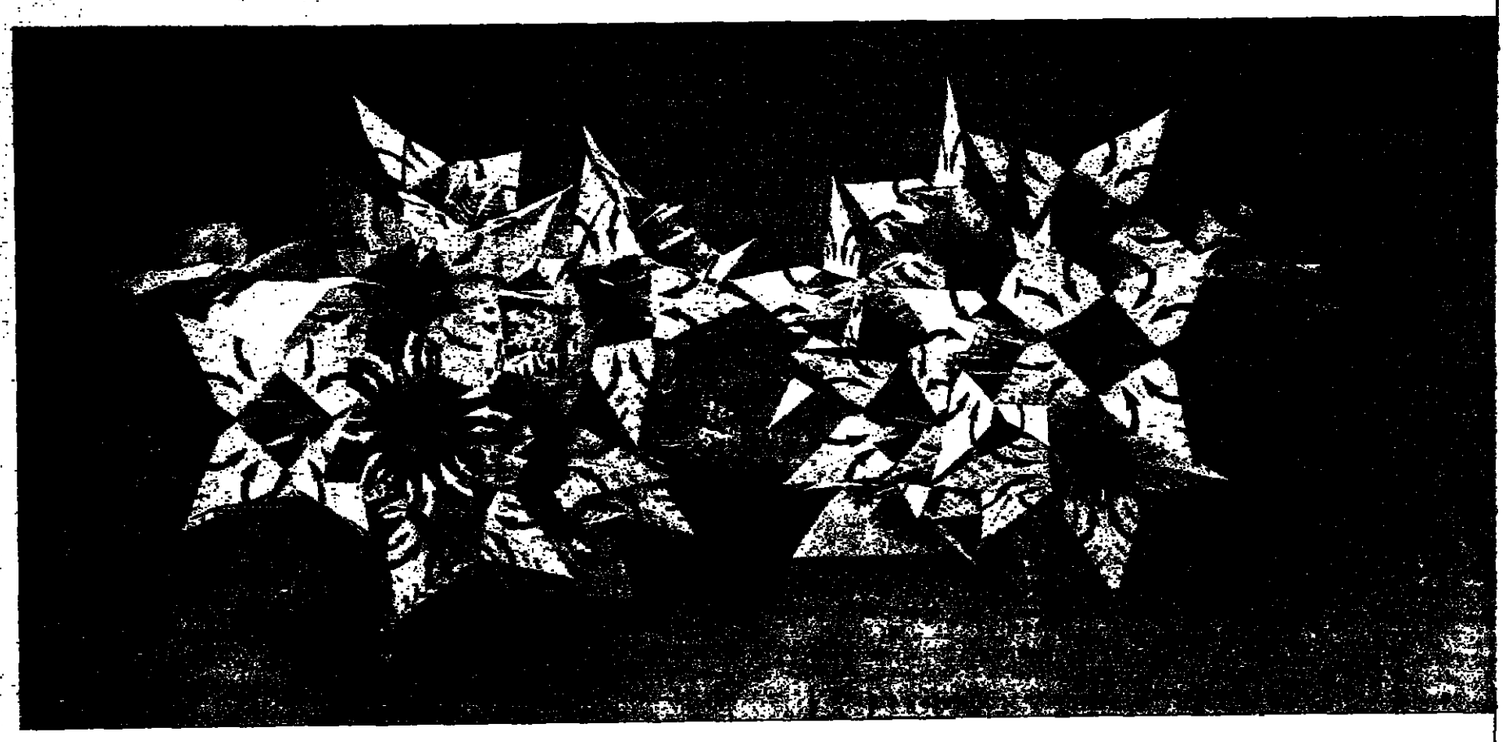
One source familiar with the agency said the privatisation plan had created extreme anxiety and concern among staff, who fear that in the private sector maintenance budgets could be slashed and the pool of skill and knowledge concentrated at English Heritage dissipated.

English Heritage denies that standards are under threat. "There is excellent conservation work being done in the private sector. We looked at it to see if it would be more efficient ... and decided it would be," a spokeswoman said. She added that private companies taking on the staff would be closely monitored and have contracts withdrawn if work was below standard.

Two companies being mentioned as candidates to take on the work are the construction and engineering firms, Tarmac and W.F. Atkins.

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Scottish Tories may lose control of all but one council

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative Party could be reduced to controlling only one council in Scotland after this week's local government elections, according to independent political observers.

The Conservatives, who are currently in third place in the Scottish opinion polls, control six district councils outright and jointly control a seventh. But a recent analysis by the *Local Government Chronicle* suggests that they may win control only of East Renfrewshire when the votes are cast on Thursday.

The elections represent the culmination of a large overhaul in Scottish local government, and the Tories were accused of gerrymandering when the changes were first announced. The new system will do away with the nine regional councils and 53 district councils and will replace them with 26 single-tier local authorities. The three island councils will be unchanged.

The councillors elected next month will shadow the existing ones for a year to allow the new councils time to organise themselves and to allow an orderly handover of services. The new councillors will take up office from April 1 next year.

The Conservatives are fielding 583 candidates for the 1,161 seats. At present they have 205 district and 31 regional councillors. Political analysts suggest that this could be reduced to a total of 100.

Officials at the party's headquarters in Edinburgh are doggedly optimistic. "We are confident we will get our message out there to the electorate. We will be concentrating on lower council tax and more efficient services," a spokesman said. But he admitted that national and constitutional issues might dominate the local elections. "That is a challange we will have to face."

The Scottish National Party, which has had a strong year in the opinion polls, is fielding 998 candidates, the largest number of any political party. At present the SNP has 73 regional and 150 district councillors. It controls the district councils of Angus, West Lothian and Lochaber, Tayside Regional Council and has joint control of Grampian. The party, which took 26.7 per cent of the vote at last year's regional elections, expects to make gains in the Central belt, Highland and in Perth and Kinross, where it also expects to win the forthcoming parliamentary by-election.

Labour, which holds the bulk of local authority seats with 650 councillors, has control of 21 of the 65 district, regional and island authorities. It is fielding 941 candidates and is confident of maintaining its lead.

The Liberal Democrats, who hold 97 district and 62 regional seats, are fielding 529 candidates. They have outright control of North East Fife and Annandale and Eskdale at district level, and at regional level share control of Grampian, Borders and Dumfries and Galloway. A party spokesman said the Liberals hoped to take more than 100 seats across the board, with particular emphasis on Aberdeen, Edinburgh, East Renfrewshire and Perth and Kinross.

Scottish Militant Labour is fielding 30 candidates, mainly in Glasgow and mainly standing against SNP and Labour councillors. It now has four councillors in Glasgow and is optimistic that it will form the official opposition there.

The Natural Law Party has 16 candidates, 13 of whom will contest seats in Edinburgh. It is also considering putting up a candidate in the Perth and Kinross parliamentary by-election. In addition there is a plethora of independent hopefuls, taking the total number of candidates standing in the elections to about 3,000.

Church accuses Prince of 'glorying in shame'

THE Prince of Wales has been accused of "glorying in his shame" as an adulterer by the Free Presbyterian Church.

The attack, which likens his conduct to that of the "debauched and perfidious" Stuart kings, comes in the church's monthly magazine, edited by the Rev John MacLeod of Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. He says the Prince does not measure up to being "a faithful Protestant", as demanded by the Accession Declaration.

"To all appearances, he would not be prepared to take the Coronation Oath in its present form," Mr MacLeod writes. "That is a matter of real concern to loyal Protestant subjects. But there are also revelations concerning his personal life and conduct which have to be taken into consideration. Far from acknowledging his conduct as sinful, he, in making it so widely known, appears to be glorying in his shame."

The Prince is criticised for being scathing about exclusive forms of evangelism represented by groups such as the Free Presbyterians.


PETER TREVNOR

David Fine and Alison Snowden are considering an offer from Warner Brothers to export their expertise

Hollywood lures Oscar winners

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE British-based couple who won an Oscar last week for a 12-minute animated film about a doleful dentist have been offered a lucrative Hollywood deal.

Warner Brothers, creators of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Road Runner, asked Alison Snowden, from Nottingham, and her Canadian husband David Fine to make a multimillion-pound feature film when they were in Los Angeles to collect their Academy Award for *Bob's Birthday*. When the couple returned to their studio above a dentist's surgery in Carnaby Street, London, on Friday, they found a giant bouquet from Warner Brothers. The accompanying note said: "Congratulations on your Oscar. We look forward to a long association."

Warner first asked Snowden and Fine to produce an animated film with musical accompaniment but the company has now asked them to come up with their own ideas. Ms Snowden said: "I think they want to try something more edgy and a little less sentimental than Disney."

Mr Fine added that if they did accept an offer from Warner it might mean moving to Los Angeles. "It is very gratifying to be asked. They said it would take three years to make, so it would be more than a career decision if we went. It would be a life decision."

Ms Snowden said that they had been inundated with offers and messages of congratulations in the past week. "For the first time in our lives we may even have to turn down things that we would otherwise like to have done."

The couple met while studying at the National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Before they make any firm decisions about Hollywood they have a number of projects to complete, starting with an animated public information advertisement for the Inland Revenue.

They are also developing a children's cartoon series for Carlton Television and are planning to turn *Bob's Birthday* into a 13-part series for Channel 4 and to make a short film for the BBC. In addition, Mr Fine is making a pilot for a live-action situation comedy for Channel 4.

Although both Ms Snowden, who studied graphic design at college in Coventry, and Mr Fine, who started drawing cartoons aged 13, went to film school wanting to make live films, they chose animation because the opportunities seemed so much greater. "You can show a student animation at a film festival and nobody can tell it from any other film," Ms Snowden said.

Her final student-animated film *Second Class Mail*, which Mr Fine also worked on, was nominated for an Oscar in 1984.

Lakeland university would harness heritage

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to create a university in one of England's most thinly populated regions will be unveiled today, reflecting renewed demand for the expansion of higher education.

The University of the Lakes in Cumbria would draw together existing colleges in an attempt to harness the area's beauty and scientific resources to invigorate the local economy. The proposals, drawn up by Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, include a campus at Ambleside that would act as a focus for the Lake District's artistic and literary heritage, housing a collection of Wordsworth's manuscripts. The Government's decision two years ago to grant polytechnics full university status encouraged a flurry of applications from areas concerned that they were missing out on the higher education boom. Student numbers have doubled in the past eight years.

Separate groups are working to form universities in Lincoln, Gloucester and the Highlands and Islands. In each case, business is providing an impetus as it recognises the potential of universities to stimulate the local economy.

Mr Campbell-Savours began work on his plan five years ago, originally envisaging a polytechnic for the region. He claims enthusiastic support from all parts of Cumbria, where A-level results are better than average but participation in higher education is still relatively low. Mr Campbell-Savours said: "The new university will attract students from throughout Britain and internationally, as it is based in one of the most famous and beautiful environments in the world, which the university will serve to enhance and protect."

Campus sites across the region would be linked by an advanced electronic network. Subjects offered would include marine biology, environmental protection and nuclear science, the area includes the Sellafield power plant.

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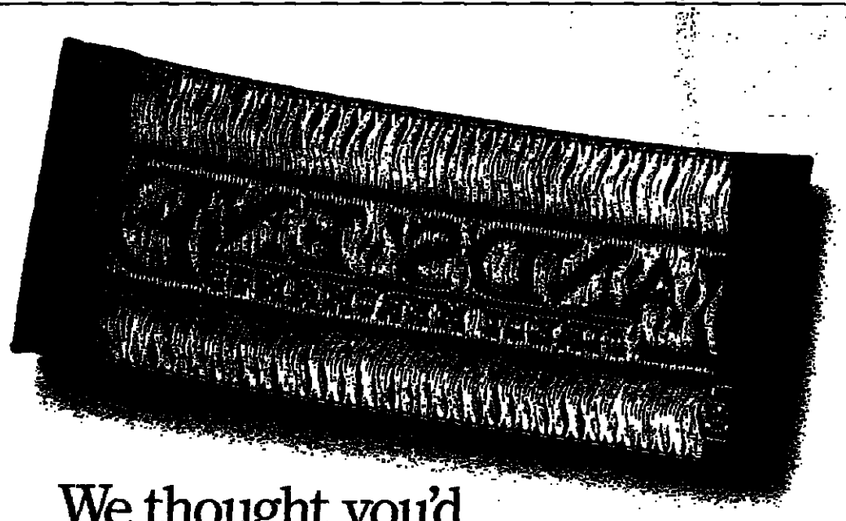
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Washington and London concentrate their talks on areas of policy agreement

Clinton team confident rift with Britain will be healed

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND PETER RIDDELL IN WASHINGTON

THE White House sought to *smooth over the rift in Anglo-American relations as John Major flew to Washington last night for a potentially fraught two-day visit.*

Anthony Lake, President Clinton's national security adviser, convened a rare weekend briefing for British journalists at which he dismissed last month's dispute over Mr Clinton's red-carpet treatment of Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, as a mere tactical disagreement and said that the "special relationship" remained robust. "The fact is that for 50 years for both of our nations this relationship is much the closest military, nuclear and intelligence relationship for either of us," he said.

Mr Lake argued that the real measure of the importance of the Anglo-American relationship was the number of international security issues on the agenda for the Prime Minister's three hours of talks with Mr Clinton tomorrow, and certainly neither side wants to see the White House meeting dominated by the Adams dispute.



Gingrich: will be told the British view on Bosnia

Top of the agenda is Bosnia, where the agreed ceasefire ends this month. Both leaders are concerned about the dangers for United Nations peacekeepers and Western unity if the conflict reignites and the Administration shares Britain's opposition to efforts by Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, to persuade Washington that America should lift unilaterally the UN arms embargo.

Mr Lake suggested that the President would veto any such measure and the Prime Minister will underline Britain's opposition in meetings on Capitol Hill with Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and the new Republican congressional leadership.

Mr Clinton and Mr Major will discuss how to handle President Yeltsin in the light of his recent lurch towards authoritarianism and Moscow's suppression of the Chechenian revolt. They will also review plans for tackling Russia's opposition to Nato's eventual eastward expansion.

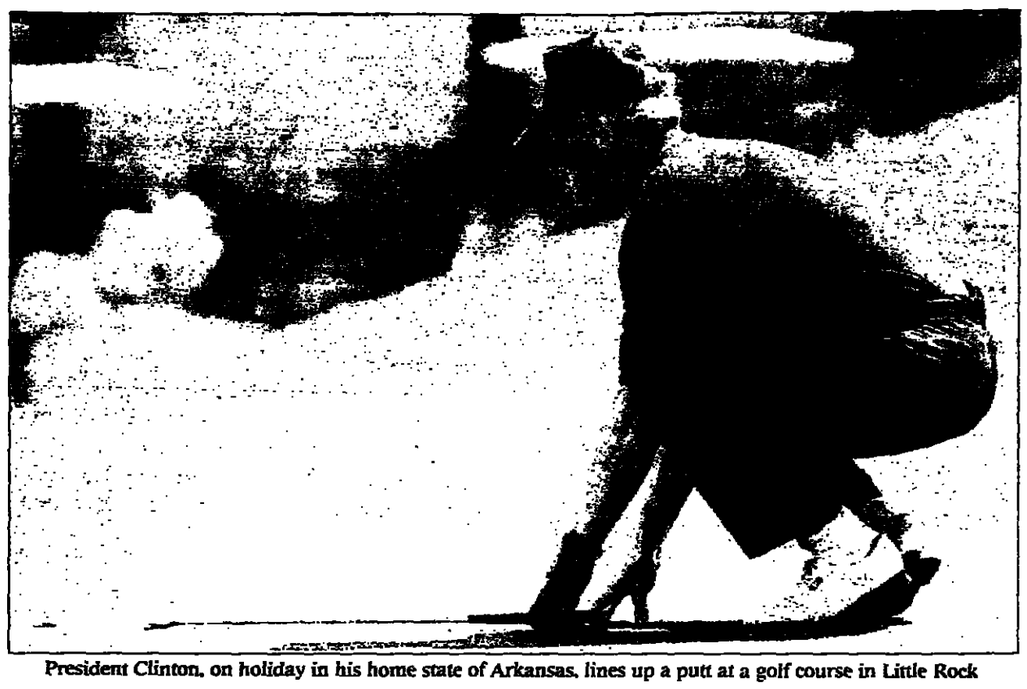
The two men will explore ways of tightening sanctions against Libya to persuade Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to surrender the two agents charged with the Lockerbie bombing, although Britain considers the Administration's call last week for an international embargo against Libyan oil unrealistic. They will discuss the Middle East peace process and the importance of UN sanctions against Iraq.

"On all these issues the US and United Kingdom are working closely," Mr Lake said. "Whenever any of these issues come up and we start talking about international efforts, my first thought goes to London and how we can work together on them."

Mr Major may also update Mr Clinton on British plans to order from America between 70 and 100 Tomahawk cruise missiles, costing about $300 million (£184 million).

On Northern Ireland, Mr Lake said that Mr Clinton's decision to admit Mr Adams to America last year despite vehement British protests had fostered the present ceasefire and that he believed the President's decision to receive the Sinn Fein leader at the White House and let him raise funds would also pay dividends. Mr Lake lamented the "nasty" attitude of various British commentators and politicians towards Mr Clinton, but said he had "no doubt the relationship is so strong, and the personal relationship between the President and Prime Minister is so strong, that we will get right through this as we did a previous bad patch almost a year ago".

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President Clinton, on holiday in his home state of Arkansas, lines up a putt at a golf course in Little Rock

Mother to plead in person for Death Row son

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE mother of the British-born man facing execution on Georgia's death row will fly to Washington today to plead with John Major for her son's life as the Prime Minister begins a two-day visit to the American capital.

Last week, as lawyers for the convicted man sought a stay of execution, Ann Ingram wrote an emotional letter to Mr Major, begging him to put pressure on the authorities in an attempt to save her son, Nicholas Ingram, 32, who is scheduled to die in Georgia's electric chair on Thursday. Before leaving for Washington last night, the Prime Minister sent a handwritten letter to Mrs Ingram, saying he would not intervene on behalf of the convicted man.



Ann Ingram: hopes to meet John Major in US

"I have concluded, with the deepest regret, that there are no proper grounds for the British Government to intervene with the state of Georgia," Mr Major wrote. "I found your letter very moving and I can imagine the profound distress you must be feeling."

Mrs Ingram, who has moved to Atlanta to be near her son on Death Row, responded that she would try to persuade the Prime Minister to change his mind by making an appeal to him in person.

"I am going to fly up to Washington DC ... in a final effort to plead with you for my son's life," she wrote. "I do feel as a British citizen that I have the right to at least an explanation of why it is not 'proper' for Her Majesty's Government to intervene to save the life of my son, your citizen. I am sure that you are very busy with the affairs of state, but will meet you at any time, at any place. My son's life means everything to me."

Ingram was born in Cambridge and moved to America with his mother and American father as a child. He has dual nationality. In 1983 he was convicted of the murder of a middle-aged neighbour in Cobb County, Georgia, during a botched burglary, and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Clive Stafford Smith, his British-born lawyer, has filed a civil rights law suit against the Georgia State Executioner, claiming that death by electrocution amounts to "cruel and unusual punishment" and demanding a stay of execution. Mr Stafford Smith plans to present new evidence to the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles, which he believes will show his client was wrongly convicted. The board meets on Wednesday, 24 hours before the execution is scheduled.

The lawyer maintains that during Ingram's trial in 1983, the prosecution knew he was taking the drug Thorazine but his defence lawyers did not. "You can't try a case with the accused drugged up to the gills on psychotropic medication without letting the defence know," he said.

Mr Stafford Smith also plan to cite evidence from two medical experts who say that Ingram fits the legal definition of insanity and suffers from alcoholic amnesia.

Amish sect driven apart by tractor

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A REMOTE Amish community in southern Oklahoma is breaking up, amid unwelcome media attention, over a decision by one of its members to buy a tractor.

The Amish, a Mennonite Christian sect with devout and deeply traditional ways, have been migrating westward across the United States since their forebears arrived in Pennsylvania from Germany in 1720.

Twenty-six families bought land in Clarita, Oklahoma, in the late 1970s and farmed it without electricity or internal combustion engines. Now, driven by Herman Stutzman's tractor and the stubborn Oklahoma soil, at least ten of them are leaving.

Mr Stutzman runs a 282-acre farm with 48 dairy cows, some mixed crops and 30 sows. His plan to buy a tractor for ploughing cut to the heart of the perennial Amish dilemma of adapting to the evils of modern life. "It's like the domino theory," says Steve Scott of the People's Place, an Amish and Mennonite educational centre in Intercourse, Pennsylvania. "They feel that tractors are the first step towards cars, which throw you into the fast pace of modern life and all that entails."

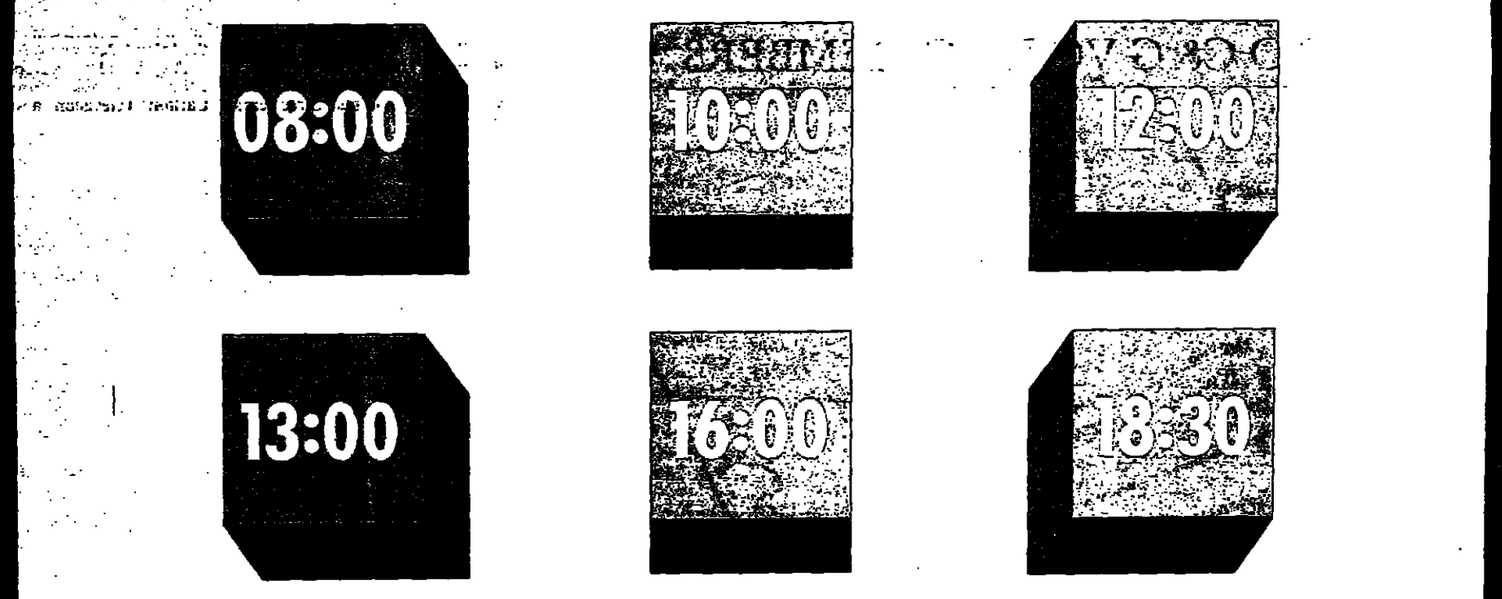
Mr Stutzman's proposal failed to win unanimous backing at a meeting of church elders, but he bought the tractor anyway. Rather than risk confrontation, his neighbours are returning to the east.

"Our church has rules," says Daniel Master, a weaver and former dairy farmer who is moving with his wife to Iowa.

"If there's any that don't feel comfortable, they can move out," says Mr Master. "Some try to paint us as angels who never disagree. But we're just like anyone else."

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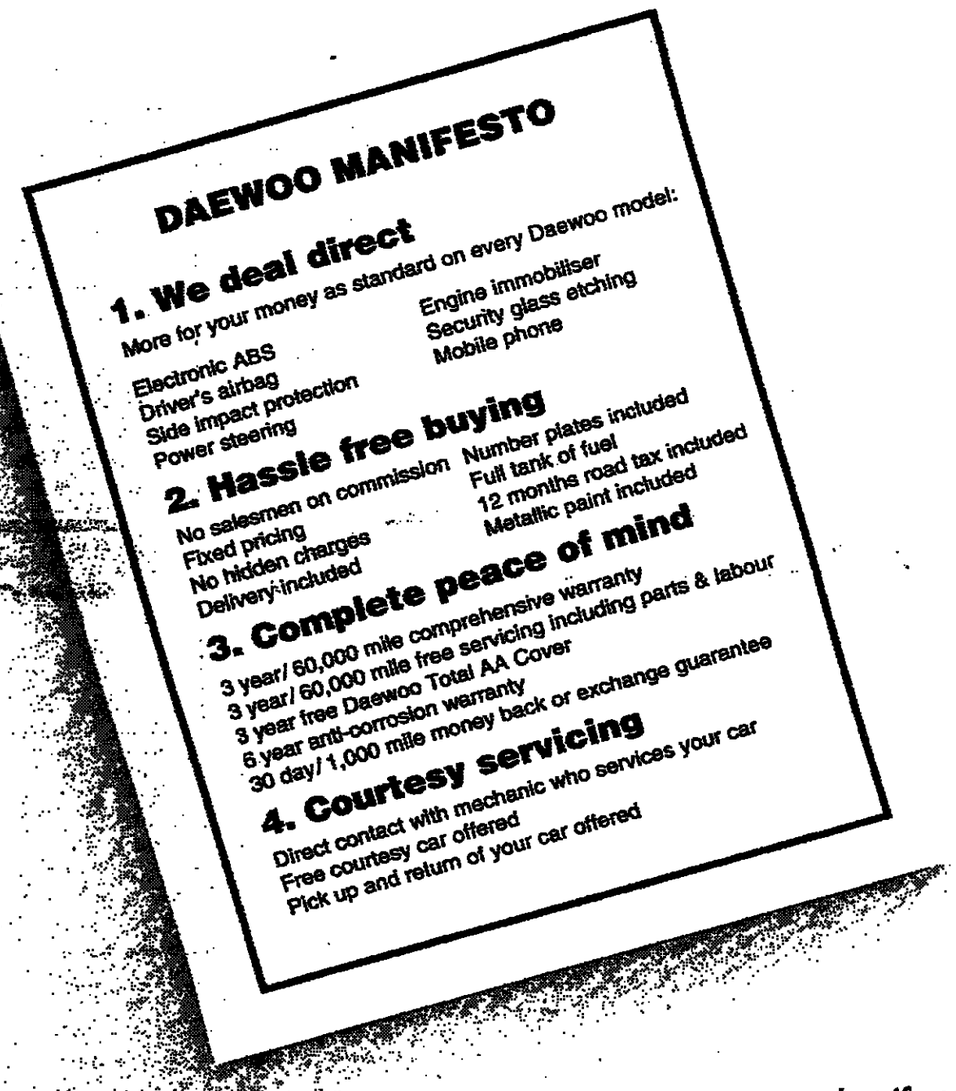
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Repudiation of promise to Buthelezi rekindles secession threat



Sexwale: faces order for mass dismissals

By R.W. Johnson

BEHIND the opposition to the African National Congress's latest blueprint for a South African constitution lies the fear that it is a mere figleaf to cover the reality of centralist ANC rule, especially since feeling is growing within the party against continuing with the present coalition Government of National Unity.

The issue of federalism, espoused by F.W. de Klerk's National Party and the small liberal Democratic Party — and passionately advocated by Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party — brought the original constitutional negotiations to a halt last year, nearly preventing the country's first democratic elections. Agreement was struck when the ANC yielded to Inkatha's demand for international mediation. Now, however, to Inkatha's fury, the ANC has reneged on that commitment, and Inkatha stands poised again to walk out of the Constituent Assembly, and to refuse to acknowledge the legitimacy of whatever constitution emerges from it.

Talk of secession is in the air again, this time not just of Inkatha-ruled KwaZulu/Natal, but of the National Party-ruled Western Cape. The Inkatha majority in the KwaZulu/Natal legislature has gone merrily ahead, devising its own constitution, creating a new Upper House of chiefs headed by Chief Buthelezi, and insisting that national laws can be invalidated by the regional legislature. The very fact that KwaZulu/Natal and the Western Cape have federalist administrations elected on the basis of universal suffrage means that the fight will be more than just a replay this time. Many of the ANC-led governments in the other seven regions have also developed an appetite for regional autonomy. They, too, can be expected to resist any purely centralist solution. Naturally, Chief Buthelezi has been working hard to create alliances with some of these regional premiers.

A further twist has been given by the Government's dramatic reallocation of resources among the regions. The most severely affected is ANC-ruled Gauteng, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria and produces 37.4 per cent of South Africa's gross domestic product but which is to get only 16 per cent of the central Government's allocation to the regions. This means that Tokyo Sexwale, the ANC premier of Gauteng, is being told he will have to dismiss many teachers and civil servants, and strut a number of schools and hospitals. Naturally Gauteng is furious.

The Western Cape is also hard hit, and there is talk of similarly tough cuts there, although the complaints of the region's National Party administration are somewhat dulled by the fact that the privileged Western Cape is still being handed out more than it contributes to the exchequer.

The position of KwaZulu/Natal is the most ironic, for the Government has decreed a large real increase in allocations to the region. The significance of this largesse is not lost on the region's business community, which can be expected to blow very cold indeed on any hint of secession. This sets a limit to what Chief Buthelezi can achieve by threats of a walkout. His only real trump card is to threaten to leave the Government, for President Mandela, whatever his party may say, is keen that the Government of National Unity should continue and that Chief Buthelezi should remain within it.

None the less, the ANC's new constitutional draft will be a red rag to the Inkatha bull, and South Africa's political temperature, highly charged by the approach of the country's first democratic local elections, will be heated further.



Buthelezi: looking for allies in other regions

ANC rebuffs coalition partners over federalism

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg and Our Foreign Staff

SOUTH AFRICA'S Government of National Unity was heading for a serious rift yesterday after the African National Congress rebuffed its partners, Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party and the National Party.

A two-day ANC conference on the country's future constitution ended with remarks by Cyril Ramaphosa, its Secretary-General, which appeared to rule out coalition rule for up to 20 years as envisaged by the Nationalists, or the Canadian-style federalism demanded by Inkatha. Mr Ramaphosa said delegates had indicated that the country should not be fragmented: "Our proposals should finally resolve this debate between federalism and unitarism so that our country is not fragmented."

Chief Buthelezi had said that Inkatha would walk out of the Constituent Assembly on Wednesday unless the ANC honours a promise made before last April's election to put to foreign mediation his demand for KwaZulu / Natal to be granted a greater degree of autonomy.

Mr Ramaphosa also rejected proposals by Roelf Meyer, the Nationalists' constitutional spokesman, that some aspects of the Government of National Unity should be retained for at least ten years after the next election, planned for 1999. He said: "The Government must be formed by the majority party. The NP can eat its heart out."

The Senate comprises ten members from each of the nine provinces, appointed on the basis of the votes their parties received in the election. Bills concerning provincial matters must be passed by the Senate. There are five Inkatha senators for KwaZulu / Natal and three from the ANC. The Western Cape has six Nationalist and three ANC senators. All the other provinces have ANC majorities. Mr Ramaphosa said the conference had agreed that the provinces should decide collectively what powers they should be granted, but that no single province should be a law unto itself. In effect, that means that KwaZulu / Natal and the Western Cape would be a perpetual minority.

Earlier, Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, had taken a hard line over Inkatha's mediation demands, telling delegates that the Constituent Assembly would be the paramount forum for drafting the constitution. "Our people have not hollered at the world outside to tell them what kind of constitutional order is best." He described the present interim constitution as "necessary to end the system of white-minority domination," but added: "As the majority party, we are ready and capable of governing."

Seven killed in township clashes

Johannesburg: Seven people were killed and 33 hurt in a fresh outbreak of political and ethnic violence in South African townships, police said yesterday. Monitors said the killings, in several incidents near Johannesburg, were the first serious clashes in recent months in the region, where supporters of the ANC and Inkatha fought often in the past. *(Reuter)*



Rwandan Hutu children watch soldiers in Burundi about 40 miles from the Tanzanian border which has been closed to halt their flight

Hutu refugees give up attempt to flee Burundi

From Sam Kiley in Bujumbura

TENS of thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees yesterday abandoned their attempt to flee Burundi and began the two-day trek back to their camps after neighbouring Tanzania closed its border.

Many of the refugees, who have lived in Burundi since escaping retribution for their alleged part in the genocide of Rwanda's Tutsi minority last year, live in fear of being attacked by Burundi's Tutsi-dominated army.

Patrick Nyonzima, a member of the clandestine Tutsi militia Sans Echec, says Burundi is involved in a low-level civil war. "We are at war. We must meet violence with violence," he said during an interview in a small safe house in a Tutsi-dominated suburb in the north of the capital, Bujumbura. Mr Nyonzima and his two comrades, Frank Nahayo, a karate black belt, and Jean-Paul Manyatizi, who said he had received military training in Uganda, formed an intimidating troika exuding a mixture of paranoia, machismo, and menace. The aim of Sans Echec, they said, was to "defend our people against the Hutu militia".



A week ago, however, it was the Tutsi militia and the army which attacked Bujumbura's Hutu districts, leaving up to 500 people dead and emptying the city of all Hutus apart from well-armed extremists in Kamenge suburb. Yesterday, three people were killed and three wounded there, in a shootout between Hutu militias and Tutsi soldiers.

Arms from Rwandan Hutus, who fled their country after the victory of the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front, have started to filter into Burundi, upsetting a balance of terror between the Tutsi-dominated army, representing 15 per cent of the population, and the Hutus, who make up the 85 per cent majority.

Since last week's clashes, it has become clear that the army and Sans Echec see safety only in a form of apartheid. The Tutsis want the cities and control of commerce. The Hutus, who shelter at night in banana groves because they dare not sleep in the capital, must remain in the countryside.

The Government, with a Tutsi Prime Minister and Hutu President, shares power on a 40:60 ratio, but has done nothing to reassure either community.

☐ **Kigali:** Trials of people accused over last year's genocide in Rwanda will begin on April 6, the anniversary of the deaths in a plane crash of the Rwandan and Burundian Presidents, which sparked the massacres, it was announced yesterday. *(AFP)*

Muslims fear mass arrests in Bombay

Bombay: Muslims fear mass arrests after Bombay's new political leaders ordered a round-up of "illegal" immigrants in the most blatant religious persecution since independence in 1947 (Christopher Thomas writes).

The Government in Delhi has attacked the action of the state government of Maharashtra, of which Bombay is the capital, but the harassment continued yesterday.

Militants held

Manila: Police seized six Islamic extremists believed to be linked to Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the Muslim cleric on trial in New York for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre. Several weapons were also seized. *(Reuter)*

Net widens

Sarsang: Turkish forces hunting rebel Kurds in Iraq have targeted the Qara mountains, 21 miles south of the border, firing artillery from Sarsang palace, President Saddam Hussein's former summer retreat. *(Reuter)*

Crisis deepens

London: The security crisis in Bahrain grew worse when the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, the main exiled opposition group, urged citizens to launch a campaign of civil disobedience to press for democratic reforms.

Homes raided

Los Angeles: Heavily armed police swarmed into south central Los Angeles in a dawn raid on the homes of scores of suspected gang members in a big crackdown on violent crime in one of America's toughest neighbourhoods.

Engines found

Bucharest: The engines of the Romanian Airlines Airbus that crashed, killing 60 people, have been found. One engine is damaged, but a spokesman would not say whether the damage suggested a cause for the accident. *(Reuter)*

Hospital pays

Fort Worth: The family of Benjamin Jones, who died of cancer after a surgeon at the Osteopathic Medical Centre of Texas removed the wrong lung, has settled a lawsuit against the hospital for $5 million (£3 million). *(AP)*

Execution order

Stavropol: Three former convicts were sentenced to death in this southern Russian town for murdering, by stabbing or strangulation, five motorists who gave them lifts on local roads while they pretended to be hitchhikers. *(AP)*

Pyramid bypass

Cairo: A United Nations delegation has started investigating options to reroute an almost completed road away from the three Giza pyramids and the Sphinx, which are already damaged by pollution and erosion. *(AP)*

Cold snap

Peking: Chinese experts said they have made what could be the first recovery of meteoric ice. The suspected sample plummeted to earth in Zhejiang province on March 23, the official Xinhua news agency reported. *(Reuter)*

Black marks

Dallas: The principal and another staff member at Sunset High School have been suspended for giving hundreds of pupils top marks for Peer Assistance and Leadership, a subject with no work used to fill the timetables. *(AP)*

Cult 'linked to nuclear weapons'

From Reuter in Tokyo

THE secretive cult being investigated in connection with the recent gas attacks in Tokyo may also have been trying to develop germ and nuclear weapons, according to newspaper reports yesterday.

Police searching a follower who fled the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) facilities after the gas attacks found a secret document on uranium enrichment, the *Mainichi newspaper said. Police suspect* that the religious sect made the gas that killed 11 people and injured 5,000 on the Tokyo subways on March 20.

The eleventh victim, Katsuaki Tanaka, 53, died in hospital on Saturday night of acute kidney failure caused by the gas, Tokyo police said yesterday.

The newly discovered document belonged to a large heavy machinery company and referred to the use of lasers, which might in future be used to enrich uranium, *Mainichi* said.

The man in possession of the document, a member of the sect's science and technology agency, had been arrested for obstructing police after he fled from the cult's premises the day after the attacks. Police also found in his car aluminium alloy vaporisers of the same type found at Kasumigaseki station, one target of the gas attacks.

Another newspaper, the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, said police had found evidence that the sect was researching biological weapons.

Rebel massacre menaces Peru poll

From Gabriella Gamini in Lima

THE massacre of 11 peasants in a remote Andean village has sparked fears that the Maoist Shining Path movement is unleashing a campaign of terror days before Peru goes to the polls, despite government claims that it has wiped out the guerrillas.

It is believed that the Sendero Luminoso rebels have resumed their campaign of violence in an effort to disrupt the general elections on April 9. "We all thought this terrorist violence was over, when suddenly it shows new vigour," said Roberto Toledo, an economist who is one of President Fujimori's main rivals.

On Saturday night, about 50 hooded guerrillas attacked the village of Calemar in the northern province of Bolivar, leaving the bullet-riddled and decapitated bodies of their 11 victims strewn across the village square. "They just raided the place, raising their hammer and sickle flags, their machineguns and pulled people out of their homes to murder them," a survivor said. Many of the bodies bore signs saying: "We will kill those who vote. Traitors to our cause will die."



Guzmán: called for peace after capture

Simultaneously, other rebels attacked an army camp in the northern jungle town of Julcán, killing four soldiers and injuring at least ten. Yesterday, there were reports of a grenade and bomb attack on government buildings in the nearby town of Chiclayo. All the attacks were in the area at the centre of Peru's cocaine production.

"These actions, just days before the polls, are to show that Sendero still has the firing power to cause havoc," said Carlos Tapia, an expert on the movement. "It makes a joke of the Government's claim to have rid the country of this problem."

A rise in violence could be a setback for Señor Fujimori, who is ahead in the opinion polls largely because of his Government's success in capturing key leaders of the Shining Path and curbing violence which has claimed 27,000 lives in ten years.

Abimael Guzmán, the Shining Path founder, was captured in September 1992, and has since called for a peace accord. Last week anti-terrorist police paraded 16 captured leaders, including the movement's deputy leader, Margie Evelyn Peralta or "Comrade Nancy", on television. Thousands of rebels have given up their arms.

☐ **Bogota:** Attackers on bicycles shot and killed five people aged between 15 and 17 and seriously injured another in a park in Medellin, Colombia, before escaping at the weekend. There was no obvious motive for the attack. *(AP)*

Indian cities switch to lead-free petrol

From Christopher Thomas in Bombay

LEAD-FREE petrol went on sale in India's four biggest cities at the weekend, despite opposition from the Government. However, it could be years before Delhi, one of the world's three most polluted cities, notices any difference.

The Government fought the introduction of lead-free petrol on the basis that it would cost $1 billion (£600 million) to redesign the refineries. After a ten-year court battle, the Supreme Court ruled four months ago that health was the primary consideration and ordered new cars to be fitted with catalytic converters and lead-free petrol to be made available from April 1. Initially, the pumps will be limited to Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, with only 154 filling stations offering the new fuel. Delhi is India's most polluted city and conditions there are almost as bad as in Mexico City and Peking, according to the World Health Organisation.

Two thousand tonnes of pollutants are poured into the atmosphere daily, mostly from vehicle emissions. Delhi has more vehicles than the three other main cities combined, most of them two-stroke scooters, which are among the worst offenders.

Mahesh Chandra Mehta, one of India's leading environmental lawyers, said the arrival of unleaded fuel ended decades of official insensitivity towards health. His campaign was directly responsible for the Supreme Court's order. He is now fighting for all cars to be converted to run on compressed natural gas.

Indian car makers plan to raise prices to offset the cost of producing vehicles with catalytic converters. Maruti Udyog, one of three big manufacturers, said it had shipped 4,000 vehicles to Delhi equipped with the devices and in the coming year the firm expects to sell more than 100,000 vehicles with converters.

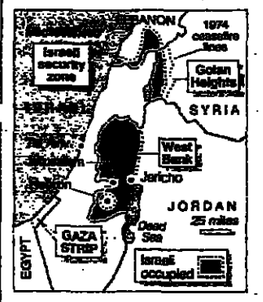
Since scooters are mostly responsible for the blue haze that hangs almost constantly over Delhi, the change will have a modest initial impact. Scooters, like cars, are theoretically subject to exhaust emission regulations, but these are never enforced.

Bomb-makers die in explosion at Hamas 'factory'

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

AT LEAST eight Palestinians, including children, were killed and 30 injured yesterday when a "bomb factory" run by Islamic terrorists in a residential building in Gaza City blew up, causing some of the worst carnage seen in the area since self-rule was granted last May.

Witnesses said limbs and decapitated bodies were scattered around the ruins of the three-storey block of flats where the explosion took place. The Palestinian police said that the explosion was caused by two members of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, who were apparently making bombs to be used against Israeli targets.



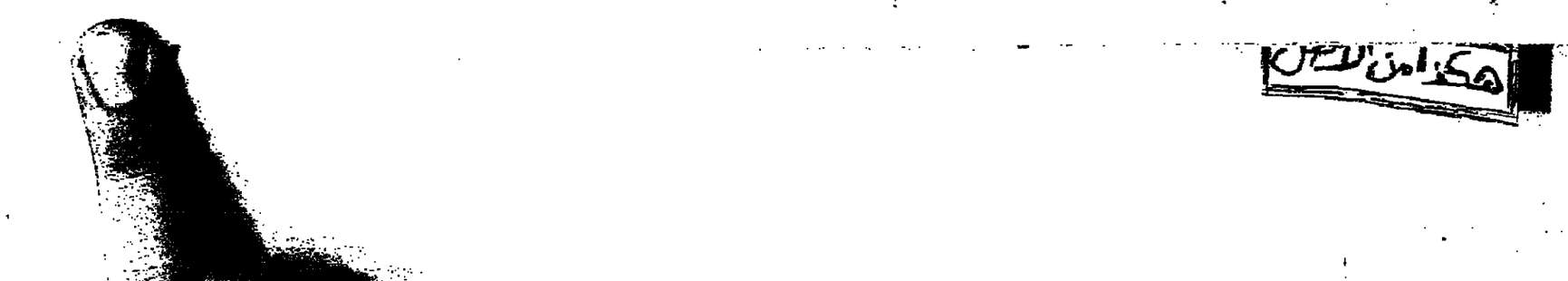
The police said that one of those killed was Kamal Kheil, a member of the military wing of Hamas. Israel Radio later claimed that he was top of the country's list of wanted men in the Gaza Strip. The blast, which may reduce public support among ordinary Gazans for Hamas and increase the chances of the Palestine Liberation Organisation cracking down on terrorist cells, occurred in the middle of the afternoon when many families were at home. Police also discovered an arsenal of guns, grenades and bombs in the ruins.

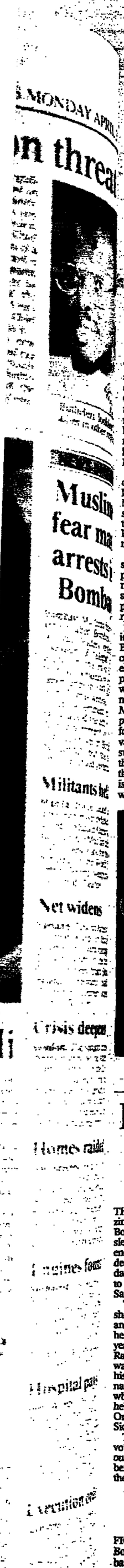
The explosion provided a severe test for the Palestinian emergency services in Gaza, which are both under-funded and under-equipped. After the explosion, a police officer brought out four bombs and defused one in front of onlookers.

The scale of the bomb factory confirmed Israeli suspicions that Islamic terrorists are now using Gaza as a haven from which to plan and prepare attacks against Jews both within the area and inside Israel proper.

Before the explosion, the PLO announced that it would soon try three members of the Palestinian secret police who are suspected of involvement in the murder of a Palestinian prisoner during the weekend.

☐ **Syrian pledge:** The Syrian Government has agreed to restrain Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon who fired rockets at Israel on Friday, killing a boy, a spokesman for Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said. The dead man was charged with collaborating with Israel in the murder of six PLO activists last year. *(Reuter)*





Chirac lead slips under onslaught from opponents

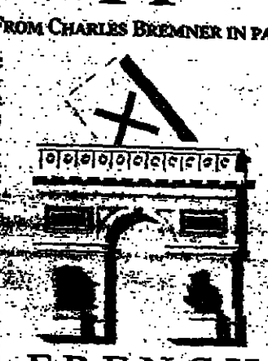
FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THREE weeks before France starts voting for a new President, Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist favourite, has lost his triumphal aura as his opponents from Left and Right have focused their fire on the more glaring contradictions in his agenda for a renascent France.

Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, and Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and M Chirac's Gaullist rival, spent the weekend accusing the front-runner of deceiving France with promises he could never fulfil.

New polls indicated his lead sinking back to a handful of points in the allcomers' first round contest, although he still holds a strong margin in projections for the two-man run-off, due on May 7.

Campaigning for his political life, the once emollient M Balladur tore into his old colleague, calling him an "irresponsible demagogue" whose promises to cure France's ills were mere hot air. Striking a new theme, he also attacked M Chirac, the boss of the powerful Gaullist machine, for trying to bully the conservative political world into supporting him. In a taste of the rhetoric to be expected if the run-off turns into a Gaullist duel, M Balladur said he was shocked to hear the Chiraquiens touting lists of future ministers and promising "purgatory" for his own backers.



M Jospin, who is struggling to ensure a left-wing presence in the run-off, warned the Socialists' traditional public not to be duped by M Chirac's new guise as a man with a social conscience. "The men and women of the Left must not mistake their candidate," he said yesterday. "Once M Chirac is elected, he will either have to abandon his programme or lead the country into painful confrontations."

The target of his rivals' exasperation is M Chirac's astute depiction of himself as a muscular visionary who will heal France's social and economic ills through bold, but vaguely defined, measures. Bathed in a rosy rhetoric with echoes of Ronald Reagan, his promises include the feat of cutting taxes while at the same time curbing deficits and raising spending. Proof of M Chirac's success are polls indicating that he is the strong favourite of voters aged under 25. They traditionally sympathise with the Left but were children when M Chirac last held national office as a Thatcher-style conservative Prime Minister in the mid-1980s.

The latest polls indicate that the rivals' offensive is paying off. M Chirac's lead has sagged over the past week after a month in which he appeared to be cruising to certain victory. An Ifop survey yesterday indicated that he had fallen back to 24.5 per cent in the allcomers' first round from 28 per cent three weeks ago. M Jospin remained steady at 22 per cent and M Balladur had risen to 20.5 from 19 per cent. While all polls still show M Chirac winning against either rival in the two-man second round, his margin is waning.

M Chirac's challenge is to keep up the momentum of the inspired campaign that took him in two months from distant underdog to darling of the Right as well as of the centre and Left. Reinforcing his image as champion of the people, M Chirac spent the weekend railing against the "monarchical drift" which, he says, has weakened the French system over the past two decades. His target is mainly President Mitterrand, the Socialist whose rule has been more regal than any predecessor's and whose court was tainted by corruption.

The Mitterrand legacy is the main handicap for M Jospin as he fights to light the old ideological fires that used to define the French political landscape. A colourless campaigner, M Jospin, 59, is running as the candidate for M Mitterrand's party while trying to distance himself from its unpopular record.



Lionel Jospin, right, the Socialist candidate, with a voter in the city of Orléans, southwest of Paris



Princess Caroline and Prince Albert, her brother, opening Monaco's Bal des Roses

Princess finds a new role

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

PRINCESS CAROLINE of Monaco, who is to visit London next month, was the hostess at the Bal des Roses at the weekend. The spring gala is one of the two great events of the principality's social calendar, consolidating the princess's increasing role as the First Lady, with Prince Rainier growing anxious over the failure of her brother, Prince Albert, 36, to find a bride.

The princess, 38, is going to London to present a season by the Monte Carlo Ballet Company, which she heads. Since the death of Stefano Casiraghi, her second husband, in a boating accident in 1990, the former darling of the gossip pages has led a discreet private life, mainly in Paris and at her farm near Saint Rémy de Provence. According to some sources, her long relationship with Vincent Lindon, the French film star, is on the wane.

Prince Rainier, who is 71 and in ill-health, has dismissed reports that he is about to abdicate in favour of Prince Albert. In a rare interview last month he said his son, who has been trying to shed his playboy image, still had more to learn about his future job. "No date has been fixed. The transition must be progressive," he said.

For now Prince Rainier is said to be drawing solace from the knowledge that, if Albert produces no male heir, he has a successor in Andrea, the 11-year-old son of Caroline and Casiraghi. Without a Grimaldi heir, sovereignty over Monaco passes to France.

US keeps up aid to Russia despite war in Chechenia

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE Clinton Administration will not allow American aid to Russia to be derailed either by sales of nuclear reactors to Iran nor the war in Chechenia, William Perry, the Defence Secretary, said here yesterday.

Mr Perry arrived in Russia for a three-day visit after he inspected the destruction of Ukrainian nuclear missiles and praised Ukraine's "remarkable" progress on nuclear disarmament. After an agreement last year on American financing of the process, Ukraine has decommissioned all its 42 SS-24 missiles, and about half of its 130 SS-19s. Part of the reward for this has been joint American-Ukrainian peacekeeping exercises next month.

The planned joint exercises in western Ukraine have caused considerable suspicion among Russian nationalists, who greatly fear the expansion of American influence into the countries of the former Soviet Union. Relations between Russia and Ukraine have begun to deteriorate after an improvement with the election of President Kuchma last year.

Moscow: Aleksandr Rutskoi, the former Russian Vice-President, was formally nominated yesterday as a candidate for the 1996 presidential elections. He was chosen at a congress of the Derzhava social patriotic movement, founded last May, which claims a membership of a million people. (AP)

The chief reason for this is Ukrainian pressure on the Ukrainian autonomous republic of Crimea, which has a Russian majority population and until 1954 was part of Russia. After a series of moves to reduce Crimean autonomy, Mr Kuchma issued a decree at the weekend giving him direct control over the Crimean administration. He also ordered the restoration of Anatoli Franchuk, the Crimean Prime Minister, who was dismissed last week by parliament for being too pro-Ukrainian. Mr Franchuk's son is married to Mr Kuchma's daughter. Crimeans voted overwhelmingly for Mr Kuchma last year because they thought that his moderate and "pro-Russian" profile would lead him to guarantee their autonomy.

Speaking before his departure from Kiev, Mr Perry said that he had urged the Ukrainian Government to settle its differences with Moscow over the Crimea and the disputed Black Sea Fleet quickly and peacefully, and that he would say the same to the Russian Government. "So far, the most encouraging thing is that in spite of the depth of disagreement, there have been no military threats back and forth," Mr Perry said.

Crimean leaders yesterday reacted by calling on Moscow for help and threatened to hold the referendum on Crimea's future. Sergei Tsekov, the Crimean parliamentary chairman, said yesterday: "We cannot continue to act calmly over a decree lowering Crimea to the status of an economy ... we want Russia to move from talk to real help for Crimea."

Crimean resistance to the latest Ukrainian moves is not being led by President Meshkov because last autumn, a few months after being elected on a platform of reunification with Russia, he became involved in a bitter dispute with the Crimean parliament which stripped him of most of his powers. The struggle effectively crippled the Russian nationalist movement in Crimea, and encouraged Kiev's campaign.

The other reason that the Ukrainian Government has launched its campaign now is Russia's involvement in the crushing of the separatist movement in Chechenia. Vladimir Lukin, the head of the Russian parliament's foreign relations committee, said: "The Chechen fiasco leaves us neither political nor moral grounds to stand on when it comes to Crimea". The Russian Government has therefore taken a remarkably mild line in response to the Ukrainian campaign. However, increasing pressure from nationalists in parliament, and lack of agreement with Kiev over the division of the Black Sea Fleet, may soon push it into an open confrontation.

Death of Irma stirs up memories of victims left to suffer in Sarajevo

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE father of Irma Hadzimuratovic, the wounded Bosnian child who died in her sleep in London at the weekend, was trying yesterday to decide whether to bury his daughter in Britain or lay her to rest beside her mother in Sarajevo.

The mortar explosion that shattered Irma's lower spine and bowel in 1993 also killed her mother, Elvira. The seven-year-old's anguished father, Ramiz Hadzimuratovic, 37, was last night grieving with his younger daughter, Medina, four, and had not decided where the funeral would be held, a spokesman for Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children said.

The death of one of Sarajevo's most internationally famous residents, a few days before the third anniversary of the outbreak of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, was not marked in the Bosnian capital, except by a few relatives and friends. Sarajevo's daily, *Oslobodjenje*, reported the child's death with a few lines on page seven.

Irma had been paralysed from the neck down since the explosion and had remained on a ventilator. Recently she suffered further complications, caused by the growth of massive scar tissue after surgery, and this prevented her from eating. She was fed intravenously, but developed a blood infection that killed her.

Dr Quen Mok, the paediatrician in charge of her care in London, said: "Irma was a warm and affectionate child who won the hearts of everyone. Her courage in dealing with her injuries was an inspiration to us all." Before Irma was wounded, nearly 10,000 other residents had been buried and more than 50,000 admitted to hospital — nearly a quarter of them children. "She's just one among 200,000 people who have died here in Bosnia," said one Sarajevan, unaware that the young girl's life had ended the day before. "I'm sorry for her, but all that made her different was that she was the one picked from the masses to become a television star."



Irma under treatment: "inspiration to all"

A flood of evacuations for other wounded residents sparked by Irma's case has tapered off during the past year with the eventual lessening of attacks against civilians in Sarajevo and the restoration of water and electricity to the city's shell-battered hospitals. Last February's Nato ultimatum brought the Serbs' brutal two-year bombardment of the city to an end.

Despite the wider benefit of Irma's case, some correspondents who brought the damaged girl's plight to international attention, remain bitter about the episode. Irma was saved from death, but six days of needless delays caused by the United Nations and Western governments, held back her recovery. When John Major decided that she should be brought to London, it was probably already too late.

Irma's doctor in Sarajevo, Edo Jaganjac, wept over the delay. He had worked for 18 months in a Sarajevo trauma ward. Shortly after Irma's evacuation, he left to visit his family in Prague. His brother said that Dr Jaganjac had an emotional collapse in the Czech Republic. He never returned.

Battles intensify in Bosnia

FIGHTING intensified in Bosnia yesterday, with two battles reported in the Bihac pocket, vicious clashes between Serbs and Muslim-led government troops near Tuzla, and snipers firing on churchgoers in Sarajevo (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

The heaviest fighting was reported by United Nations observers to be in mountains near Tuzla, where Serbs have been trying to hold back a government advance. Bosnian government sources said that its troops had temporarily stopped their offensive because of heavy snow.

Fierce battles were also reported in the northwestern enclave of Bihac, where government forces have been under attack from rebel Muslim soldiers backed by Serbs from Bosnia and Croatia. The UN "safe area" of Bihac town was shelled for a second day yesterday, and rebel Muslims and Serbs launched infantry attacks backed by tanks and artillery around Velika Kladusa, north of the Bihac area.

About 160,000 Muslims and Croats are surrounded by the rebel Muslim and Serb forces in the enclave. As a designated "safe area", Bihac town is eligible for protection by the UN and Nato warplanes, but Serbs have in the past prevented airstrikes.

Hope for peace after fish war talks

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

HOPES for an end to the acrimonious fish war between Canada and the European Union grew yesterday after talks between both sides in Brussels.

"We're pleased with how this is going. The talks were constructive," said Jennifer Sloan, a spokeswoman for the Canadian delegation. Ms Sloan and Marco Zatterin, an EU fisheries spokesman, said they hoped that a settlement could be found this week. Brian Tobin, the Canadian Fisheries Minister, also said a deal could be reached and that Canada would not jeopardise the talks, at least for now, by taking immediate action against Spanish trawlers fishing off its Atlantic coast. "What is important is that the talks are continuing again today in Brussels. We are making very good progress and I can't say whether or not we will conclude these talks ... but it is possible," Mr Tobin told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation yesterday.

A spokesman for the European Commission was more cautious, saying: "We can see the light at the end of the tunnel, but we are still not there." Optimism was also tempered by Spanish officials, who said Canada had made a solution more difficult by submitting extra demands last week. Ottawa accuses Spanish fishermen of endangering stocks of Greenland halibut, the last significant commercial species in the region, and has imposed a unilateral moratorium in international waters off the Grand Banks, just outside Canada's jurisdiction of 200 nautical miles.

Spanish fishermen say Canada's move to stop them fishing in international waters is illegal. Canadian Coast Guards have seized one Spanish trawler and cut the nets of another. The talks have to resolve several issues, including apportioning an internationally agreed total catch limit of 27,000 tonnes.

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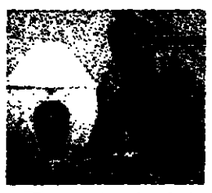
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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ONE FINE DAY: Opening night for Joe McGann as an estranged husband longing to be a proper dad to his kids. Dennis Lumborg's one-man play, here for six weeks
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

AFTER EASTER: Opening night too for Anne Devlin's powerful drama concerning the strains of surviving as an Ulster Catholic woman. Stella Gonet most moving as a returning exile. *Michael Attenborough directs.*
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. Then tomorrow-Apr 15, 7.15pm, mats Apr 6 and 15, 2pm, in rep after.

ROTTERDAM PHILHARMONIC: Claus Peter Flor brings the orchestra to London tonight for a programme of Beethoven's overture, *Leonora No 2*, *Mozart's Piano Concerto in A, K488* and Shostakovich's Symphony No 10. Andreas Haefliger is the soloist
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm. Tomorrow in **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall (0121-212 3333)

NEW TATE ACQUISITIONS: The Tate opens a new display of 20th-century works today: *From Picasso to Woodrow: Recently Acquired Prints and Portfolios.* A self-explanatory title for an exhibition which focuses on the achievements of contemporary artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Richard Hamilton, David Hockney, Christopher LeBrun and Bill Woodrow
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm; Sun, 2pm-5.50pm. *Until July 30.*

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON: The Opera House is hosting *a perfect time out for children of all ages* this week. Follow the magical story of the ice-bound land of Narnia in C S Lewis's **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, now on national tour *from London's Unicorn Arts Theatre*
Opera House, Water Street (01298 72190). Tonight, 7pm. Tue and Thurs, 10am and 2pm, Wed, 2pm, Fri, 10am and 7pm, Sat, 2pm and 7pm.

CRAWLEY: Volcano Productions' hilarious pastiche of Ibsenite naturalism **How to Live** — five plays manically fused together — also makes serious *points about an artist's relationship to his work.*
Hawth, Hawth Avenue (01293 553636). Tonight, 8.15pm

NEWCASTLE: Touring production of **The Seagull**, with Deborah Findlay, Kate Beckinsale, Aden Gillet and Michael Sheen. Directed by Robert Sturua, *artistic director of the Rustaveli Theatre, Tbilisi.*
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm

MANCHESTER: Last chance here to see the human butterflies, exotic animals and flying bellows that are among the subjects in **The Grotesque**: *Ornamental Prints from the British Museum.* A real Alice-in-Wonderland appeal for an *exhibition that traces the development of the flights of fantasy that eventually inspired the Surrealists.* A South Bank Centre tour; next stop, Exeter
Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road (0161-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs until 9pm. Until Sat.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum**: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections (0171-636 1555) . **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life, from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin, final week (0171-439 7438) **Serpentine**: Take me (I'm yours) (0171-402 6075) . . . **V&A**: Nehru Gallery (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES**: Michel Tremblay's fascinating portrayal *of a woman at different stages of her life.* Miriam Karlin among the cast of five. Madeleine Wynn directs for Zenana Theatre Co
Bridewell, Bride Lane (off Fleet St), EC4 (0171-936 3456). Opens tonight, 7.15pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.15pm.

☐ **BROKEN GLASS**: Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong *concern with personal responsibility.* David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **CHERYOMUSHKI**: The return of this funny musical comedy by Shostakovich, set on "Cherry Tree Estate", *a coveted escape-hole* for upwardly mobile Muscovites. An evening of merriment from Pimlico Opera.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Final week.

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER**: Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser *not to probe into.*
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **IF WE ARE WOMEN**: Richard Olivier directs Joan Plowright and Diana *Quick in a play by Canadian Joanna McClelland Glass:* three generations of women come together after a death and deal with their past.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Now previewing, 7.45pm, opens April 6

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama *about bravely facing death.* Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian *resentments and respect.* Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE MOSQUITO COAST**: Outstanding production by the David Glass Ensemble, dramatising Paul *Theroux's novel of the crazed American* who drags his family into the jungle. Striking visual effects.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ **OUT OF A HOUSE WALKED A MAN**: Theatre de Complicite breathes *life into the mysterious tales of Daniil Kharms.* The best is the corpse (Kathryn Hunter) *who won't agree to be buried.*
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm. Final week.

◪ **THE WINTER GUEST**: Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman *Macdonald's fine play about loss,* survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**, Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . ☐ **Buddy**, Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . ☐ **Copacabana**, *Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972)* . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . ◪ **Grease**, Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**, Palace (0171-434 0909) ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . . ■ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CROOKLYN (12): Spike Lee's rowdy, rose-tinted memories of a Brooklyn childhood. With Alfre Woodard, Delroy Lindo and Zelda Harris.
Electric (071-792 2020) **MGM Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

FIORILE (12): Generations of a Tuscan family are dogged by greed. Beguiling epic from the Taviani brothers.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

HOOP DREAMS (15): Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

♦ **JUST CAUSE** (18): Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller, with Laurence Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher
MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

♦ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of *Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel.* Director, Barry Levinson.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

♦ **DROP ZONE** (15): Wesley Snipes goes undercover to catch sky-diving criminals. Good aerial stunts; otherwise, an empty action thriller.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18): Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director *Peter Jackson*
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

♦ **IMMORTAL BELOVED** (15): Gary Oldman is Beethoven, but the film still ends up worthy and dull. With Jeroen *Krabbe and Isabella Rossellini,* writer-director, Bernard Rose
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

♦ **LEON** (18): Precocious child shelters *under a hitman's wing.* Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson. With Jean Reno, Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

♦ **LITTLE WOMEN** (U): Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th-century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Gabriel Byrne. Director, Gillian Armstrong
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

NOBODY'S FOOL (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy. Writer-director, Robert Benton
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

♦ **THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION**: How to survive long decades in prison. Engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Director, Frank Darabont
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DANCE: Homage to Stravinsky at Covent Garden; plus a French curiosity at Woking

The master calls the tune

No composer has so dominated the history of 20th-century ballet as has Stravinsky. From his first commissioned ballet score — *The Firebird* in 1910 — to *Agon* almost half a century later, *his perverse*, thrusting rhythms and unashamedly lush melodic writing have inspired choreographers as diverse as Fokine and Balanchine to create some of their greatest works. The Royal Ballet's new mixed bill, *Stravinsky Staged*, celebrates this influence with works by four dancemakers, spanning nine decades.

The earliest, Petrushka, came only a year after *Firebird*. It, too, was written for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes and again saw the composer collaborating with Fokine. Today, despite its wonderful score and vibrant Russian folkloric designs by Alexandre Benois, *Petrushka* is an historical novelty, offering little in the way of solo movement beyond a mime-heavy vocabulary and a charming mimicry of *puppet body language*. The real choreographic life is embodied in the Butterweek Fair revellers, a lusty St Petersburg crowd of onlookers and street entertainers.

Irek Mukhamedov, inheriting the Nijinsky role in Thursday's revival, *seemed frustrated by his lack of* dancing opportunities, although he made his Petrushka a sad and tender puppet-lover, floppily pursuing the Ballerina with heat in his heart. Lesley Collier was enticingly ambiguous as the object of his passion; Gary Avis's Moor was a lumbering simpleton.

Ashley Page contributes the newest Stravinsky ballet. His **Ebony Concerto**, here receiving its world premiere, is set to the nine-minute display piece the composer wrote for bandleader Woody Herman. On a smoky stage, where you can almost smell the nocturnal whisky and cigarettes, two couples in black dance to the music played by the *London Jazz Ensemble*. The men are hunky, the women dangerous, and their tactile couplings offer a laid-back sensuality underscored with an edgy pulse. The men outshone the women, so cool *and provocative* were Adam Cooper and Tetsuya Kumakawa.

A sense of style also defines **Danses concertantes**, Kenneth MacMillan's first professional ballet (1955). Given a glorious facelift by Ian Spurling's soaring Art Deco bath house design, *Danses concertantes* is oh-so-fashionable, its chic mannequins presenting themselves in cheekily elegant period poses. The only way to deliver it is with panache — which the opening cast *couldn't quite manage*.

With 1972's **Duo concertant**, new to Covent Garden, Balanchine set out to illustrate how Stravinsky's music is absorbed into the dancer's body and *spills out in the shape of choreography*. Viviana Durante and Bruce Sansom lean against Philip Gammon's piano, enraptured by the sounds he and violinist Yuri Torchinsky are making. Slowly, the urge to move overtakes them and they walk centre stage to begin the transformation. *At first* the visualisation is literal and straightforward, then it develops into a multi-layered response to the changing moods of the five-movement suite.

Durante and Sansom were luminous throughout. She drifted into her back bends exquisitely; he matched the quick grace of her allegro. The piece ends with the man on his knee, head bowed in adulation to the ballerina goddess. As this programme shows, such worship is owed Stravinsky himself.

DEBRA CRAINE

DEE CONWAY



Only puppet love: (from left) Gary Avis, Lesley Collier and Irek Mukhamedov in Stravinsky's *Petrushka*

A day of ups and downs

Roc in Lichen
Woking

THE *French group Roc in* Lichen have a cockeyed name, but they do after all spend half their time in odd positions. They are a speciality act who *fear dizzy heights so little that* they once performed on a vertiginous rock face, pinned like flies and seen close-up by only a helicopter.

On their first visit to Britain they scampered up and down *walls and earned themselves* the description of vertical dance. This time there are no walls, but the direction was still vertical, in the 20-metre *high atrium of the Peacocks* Shopping Centre (as part of the Woking Dance Umbrella).

The performers jangled from *wires that transported them* up and down, and then down and up.

Considered in isolation, their efforts looked frankly feeble, so perhaps it was just as well that they were brief (all *of 12 minutes*). The costumes had a fantastical splendour; great columns of cloth spilled to the ground; a scrap of tulle or a floral wreath hovered *above the performers' heads* like halos. But all this could not conceal the anorexic choreography, which in conventional, non-hazardous circumstances, would have been unacceptable.

From prior descriptions I had expected people swooping through the air like giant eagles, but instead I got sleepy *spiders at the end of their silk* threads. A baroque princess grew a skirt almost as tall as Cleopatra's Needle every time *she travelled upwards, but did* little else. Two angels revolved in tight bundles of suspended somersaults or paddled their feet like divers swimming up *for air. A neat personage, half*-beetle, half-woman, the only presence without a personal wire, floated in the arms of an aerial frock-coated gentleman or contrasted him with simple dance solos on terra firma.

No, the merit of Pigeons à la tombée d'échalotes (the piece's untranslatable title) rested *with the spark produced* by the collision of performers and setting. When did Woking's Peacocks Shopping Centre see the like before? Shoppers *streaming up and down* the escalators and the glass capsule-lifts became visual echoes of the descending and ascending performers. The mall's *four levels became* Dante-esque circles in a transformed, *futuristic (but non-threatening) world.*

"It was lovely," said a little girl. For blasé adults it may not have been lovely, but it was *unforgettable*.

NADINE MEISNER

THEATRE: A serial killer unexplained

Better brought to book

Off The Bone
Courtyard, N1

THE *subject of serial killers is something* that fascinates us all, or so say the programme notes to Richard Vincent's new play — and the lurid exploitation of the Frederick West case in certain parts of the media tends to support that view. But the topic has *been done to death, as it were,* by fiction writers recently. And even if this real-life phenomenon remains psychologically intriguing, *Off The Bone* fails to get convincingly under the murderer's skin.

This is not for want of trying. Mercifully, Vincent's tale of the pertinently surnamed David Savage is far from an onstage chainsaw massacre. Those gruesome *moments that do deal* with Savage hammering a stranger on the head or digging around for internal organs are pointedly mimed, leaving much to the imagination. Julia Simon directs with flickers of inspired stylisation, supplied by just five actors and *one morgue trolley. Humour also* seeps in occasionally, as Savage tugs out a rubbery heart from inside a victim's overcoat.

To his credit, Vincent is more *interested in cause than effect. He* charts the formative experiences which calcify Savage's dark attitude to the human body, from his mother's fatal cancer and sexual abuse by his father, through caning and bullying at his strictly British school, to the corporal *violence of the Army and the wartime* fighting in the trenches. *Off The Bone* could be the serial killer's *Another Country*, only it is analytically heavy-handed and structurally plodding, *weakly framed by the antique device* of a detective reading Savage's diary.

However, moon-faced Christopher Middleton as Savage charismatically *holds the show together, combining* boy and man, with a smidgen of Quasimodo and a dash of Dracula.

I can see why *Off The Bone* was shortlisted for the South London International Playwriting Festival. Vincent has a relish for words that can be both quirky and comic, turning his hand to satirising a lisping priest or a barking sergeant-major. But he has *some way to go in learning the craft of theatre.*

The dialogue does not ring true, nor is it helped by some faltering supporting acting. Meanwhile, most of the script is Savage's *memoirs*: a monologue which, despite Middleton's slick punctuation of narration with re-enactment, would make a better novel.

KATE BASSETT

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Too many misses, not enough hits

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** dissects an ENO premiere gone horribly wrong; and (below) decries shabby treatment for Tchaikovsky

DONALD COOPER



Doing their best: David Barrell (left) as the husband and Alasdair Elliott as the Idiot in the bath scene of Schnittke's *Life with an Idiot*, which received its British premiere at the Coliseum on Saturday

THE British premiere of Schnittke's fine, disturbing and important opera on Saturday could not be described as the happiest of occasions. It was not until twenty minutes after the curtain should have risen that anyone from management came out to explain why it hadn't, and the reason given — "a technical rehearsal" — did not exactly inspire confidence. A case, surely, for a white lie.

The single interval was almost as long as the act that preceded it, and the show over-ran by nearly half an hour: since the running time is only two hours anyway, that is quite some over-run, and the deadening effect on so tightly constructed and swift-moving a piece was disastrous. There were moments of tangible confusion in the second act, with frantic shouts from — and indeed sightings of — stage staff, and strange lacunae when it looked as though something should have been happening and wasn't. The air of blind panic was palpable.

Life with an Idiot
Coliseum

Jonathan Moore's production is needlessly over-elaborate, and near-fatally obscures the work's dour content. That content was outlined on this page last week by Victor Erofeyev, author of the story on which the opera is based and indeed its librettist. The "I"-narrator, an academic, and his wife invite the eponymous halfwit to live with them out of unstated but guilt-ridden motives. The Idiot decapitates the wife and rapes "I", reducing him to a similar state of idiocy. The Idiot is Lenin, while "I" and the co-narrating chorus are the intelligentsia, but Erofeyev has stated that this is not just a comfortable (for Western audiences) anti-Soviet satire. Vova, he said, is "an international idiot", and to blame for his excesses are the people who took him in.

So it seemed a pity that Moore and his designer David Blight should have restricted themselves to Soviet visual references and initially presented a proletarian rather than an "intellectual" chorus. I am not saying that we should have had the Webbs on stage or that instead of being made-up as Lenin, Vova could have sported bouffant hair, a blue two-piece suit and wielded a handbag, but something to bring the action closer to home and prevent the audience from reacting so smugly would have been nice.

Even nicer would have been a *mise-en-scène* rather more concentrated: unnecessarily cumbersome set-pieces whizz, or rather creak, around, the chorus blocking is clumsy and there is a general air of scatter-shot overkill. If you fling enough ideas at a work, some of them may prove relevant. The general air of larkiness was singularly inappropriate. If an act of violent copulation draws merry laughter and a round of applause, then something has gone very wrong indeed. *Idiot* is an ink-black, deeply serious work, and Moore seems to have approached it at the level of mere sit-com.

Matters are far happier musically. Richard Armstrong, the hero of the evening, inspires a clear, disciplined account of the score from the orchestra, and there can be nothing but praise for the ENO Chorus, who deliver their complex lines apparently unfazed by countless uncalled-for changes of costume and needless hyperactivity. And a riveting score it is too, multi-referential — everything from Mussorgsky to Shostakovich via folksong and less familiar Soviet music — yet preserving a strong personal stamp. It would be rewarding to hear it unencumbered by so much visual clutter.

Although somewhat anonymous dramatically — and I don't blame him for that, since the director concentrates on externals rather than essentials — David Barrell sings quite brilliantly as "I" and gets virtually all his words across, which is of course vital. Louisa Kennedy-Richardson, similarly tested at the Wife's extremes of vocal register, is less successful in this respect, but has a good go (her feather duster should be banned forthwith); Alasdair Elliott (Vova) has only one word ("Ekh!") and repeats it tellingly, but he should be ten times more frightening. Alone of the cast, Quentin Hayes gets somewhere near the quirky surrealist humour needed in the tiny role of Proust.

A depressing evening: an important work heedlessly traduced.

OVERTURES

Dale tipped for a life of crime

THOSE close to **Cameron Mackintosh** expect **Jim Dale** to succeed **Jonathan Pryce** as Fagin in *Oliver!* at the Palladium, starting in September. The actor was in London several weeks ago checking out possible flats in Mayfair. Dale, a New York-based Briton and former National Theatre player, won a Tony Award for the musical *Barnum*. He last appeared in a musical when he succeeded Robert Lindsay on Broadway in *Me and My Girl*. Later this month he opens off-Broadway in Graham Greene's *Travels With My Aunt*, directed (as it was at the Citizens' Theatre in Scotland and in the West End) by **Giles Havergal**.

● GOOD news for fans of the Great New Hope of 1994: **Sheryl Crow**. The singer-songwriter, recently handed three Grammy Awards, has announced five live dates in Britain this July. She will play the Edinburgh Playhouse (11), London Hammersmith Apollo (13), Manchester Apollo (15), Wolverhampton Civic Hall (17) and Bristol Colston Hall (18).

● THOSE radical young things in **Opera Factory** are redefining the operatic repertoire next year. The company has commissioned a new opera from the Senegalese musician **Habib Faye**, who will write *Flower of Youth* to a libretto by Opera Factory's director, **David Freeman**. It will be based on *The Epic of Gilgamesh* and other ancient poems; and be premiered in London next February. Meanwhile, Opera Factory presents a double-bill of *Dido and Aeneas* and *Curlew River* on tour this September.

● THE WEST End's two major musical productions of the autumn look as if they will open within a week of each other. **Jolson**, based on the life of Al, is scheduled for October 26 at the Victoria Palace. The current tenant, **Buddy**, will then shift to the Strand. Then on October 31 the curtain will rise on the long-delayed British premiere of **The Who's Tommy**. The rock musical, which has been running on Broadway for two years, will open at the Shaftesbury. Des McAnuff directs.



Jolson — the musical — heads for the West End

● A YEAR on from the suicide of lead singer **Kurt Cobain**, fans of the band Nirvana in their home town of Seattle are planning a candlelight vigil this Wednesday in a park near the late singer's home. Meanwhile, Cobain's widow, **Courtney Love**, is immersing herself in promotion of *Doll Parts*, a re-released single by her band Hole. A British tour begins in Wolverhampton on April 27.

● IN preparation for its 50th birthday in 1997-98, the **National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain** is desperately seeking its former members — all 2,500 of them. The orchestra wants former members to play a part in the celebrations. Write to The NYO, Causeway House, Lodge Causeway, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3HD, or phone 0117-965 0036.

Only too pathetic

Shameful Vice
Blackheath Concert Halls

IT IS hard to know what to say about Michael Finnissy's new music theatre piece, *Shameful Vice: The Last Days of Tchaikovsky*, save that after the experience of both this and Peter Schat's interminable *Symposion* I just wish the poor composer could be left to rest in peace.

What makes it especially hard is that the combination of the Blackheath Concert Halls' resonant acoustics and totally unnecessary amplification meant that precious little of this performance by Vocem and the Endymion Ensemble came across. About one in ten words were audible (and those not necessarily consecutive) and it was not easy to guess whether the apparently random miking represented the composer's wishes or not. Some of the music is pretty, but what is it *for*?

The narrative seemed to follow the highly dubious "court of honour" theory, though I should hate to have to say what the 30-minute piece is about, save for yucky gay paranoia, or why Finnissy wrote it. Perhaps the mildly blasphemous notion of presenting the moment-of-death flashback in Passion form was thought to be enough: the 14 scenes have titles like "He stands accused by the crowd", and "He is reviled", and the piece ends with Tchaikovsky cradled in Pietà pose by his mother. Yawnerama, sweetheart. The staging, including a pas de deux for Tchaikovsky and Saint-Saëns, was pure Theatre of Embarrassment.

Shameful Vice was followed by Vocem's staging of *Scipio's Dream*, Judith Weir's dryly witty adaptation of Mozart's juvenile cantata. This too was 30 minutes of pure torment, unless you happen to find bad singing *per se* hilariously funny. It was sad to see a band of the Endymion's distinction associated with this sort of shambling amateurishness.

CONCERTS: Viennese visitors at the Barbican; baroque gems in the perfect London setting

A promise only partially delivered

Vienna SO/ Harnoncourt
Barbican

NOT to be confused with the Philharmonic, the Vienna Symphony Orchestra is that city's other great ensemble. Indeed, with their 200 concerts a year in Vienna alone, their profile is no less high and their tradition more than respectable: Karajan and Sawallisch both served a decade as principal conductor of the VSO, and the post is currently held by Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos.

Their return to the Barbican's Great Orchestras of the World series, however, was under the man who rose from their ranks in the Sixties to become a pioneering figure in the early music movement: Nikolaus Harnoncourt. He led them on Friday night through a programme of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, which promised, but only partially delivered, the kind of insights displayed in Harnoncourt's recent Beethoven series with our own Philharmonia.

The Adagio introduction to Haydn's Symphony No 104 in D-major (the "London") was given with a spine-tingling sense of mystery, the suspense enhanced by the pregnant pause that followed it. That mood was continued in the Allegro, which was palpably less serene than usual. Harnoncourt's hallmark accents were frequently in evidence, not least in the Menuet, with its prominent brass syncopations. A fiery, virile finale brought an unconventional account (illuminating or mannered, according to taste) to its conclusion.

If the drama of Haydn's score was highlighted in that reading, one might have expected rather more fireworks in what is generally regarded as one of Mozart's most proto-Romantic works: the "daemonic" Piano Concerto K466 in D minor. In fact, in Rudolf Buchbinder's hands it was a rather uneventful reading, smoothly executed and reluctant to draw attention to itself. For the most part, Harnoncourt seemed inhibited in his contribution.

The orchestra played beautifully throughout the concert: woodwind blends were particularly impressive and there were some excellent solos from that department too. The first two movements of Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony* amply demonstrated those virtues in readings that were fresh and vibrantly coloured.

The falling of the first drops of rain was painted vividly, and the storm, when it finally came, was fearsome. After this, the shepherds' hymn of thanksgiving in the finale was all the more ingratiating. Not that there was anything bland about it: indeed, a blaze of trumpets irradiated the climax, providing at once an unfamiliar perspective and a stirring peroration.

BARRY MILLINGTON

At home with past masters

Taverner Consort
Stationers' Hall

IT WAS ingenious of the BBC to take over for an evening the very hall where, in 1692, Purcell's *Ode for St Cecilia's Day* was first performed. Tucked away in Ave Maria Lane under the shadow of St Paul's, the Stationers' Hall is a lovely space, an intimate shoe-box perfectly scaled for such a piece.

But this concert, given by Andrew Parrott's Taverner Consort, was not of Purcell's music. Instead, as part of the continuing Fairest Isle mega-festival, it attempted to fill in a few gaps of our knowledge of English baroque music. It did the job effectively.

Although subsequent reputation tends to teach us the reverse, no great composer works in a vacuum. John Blow, Purcell's teacher and his predecessor and successor as organist at Westminster Abbey, was a gifted inventor in his own right, as the large-scale "symphony anthem" — an apt name for its genre if ever there was — *O sing unto the Lord* amply showed here.

Blow had vivid, strong ideas, and if in the last analysis one misses Purcell's sheer force of personality and teasing humour, his variegated writing for different solo voices (Jonathan Peter Kenny, Simon Berridge, Rodrigo del Pozo, Angus Smith and Jeremy White); mellifluous use of a pair of violins and sheer inventive facility make for a powerful and impressively scaled piece. Incidentally, this work was also first heard in this hall, early in 1702. It has only recently become performable again, thanks to Bruce Wood's editorial acumen on behalf of the Musica Britannica series, which this concert also celebrated.

After the filler of William Boyce's *Overture to the Ode for New Year's Day, 1758* — more commonly known as his First Symphony — given a spruce and vigorous reading with trumpets, drums and bassoons resounding sonorously, came another surprise. Maurice Greene's *Ode on St Cecilia's Day*, written to Alexander Pope's text and first performed at the opening of the Cambridge University Senate House in 1730, is a fine match for Handel, reminiscent of the facility of that composer's early, verdant Italian style.

The countertenor and tenor duet *By the streams that ever flow*, complete with two winsome flutes, is by any standards a gem. But what is also remarkable is the expressive shaping of the whole work, with different harmonic centres, for instance, used for specific expressive purposes and with a careful balance of light and shade. There is nothing workaday or second rate about it.

The same soloists, with the addition of the bass David Thomas and one or two from the sturdy, clear chorus, and another typically purposeful, clean orchestral performance, put its case with maximum eloquence.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK: A surf guitar maestro rules the waves

Fun, fun, fun or what?

Dick Dale
Garage, N1

OUTSIDE the winds were howling, but inside it was endless summer. California's virtuoso of the surf guitar, the 57-year-old Dick Dale, was adding London to a succession of triumphant European gigs. Houses have sold out everywhere — in Amsterdam, fans took boards into the venue and actually "surfed" over the heads of the crowd.

With the notable exception of Vibrasonic, the feisty Brighton-based *surf* band that opened the gig, most of Dale's audience had probably been unaware of the guitarist's existence before the release of *Pulp Fiction*. Quentin Tarantino, the film's writer and director, had the brainwave of using Dale's 1962 hit *Misirlou* as the film's musical motor.

Surf guitar, a style which, in Dale's hands, involves echoey, tremoloed sounds, speeding arpeggios and a thundering rhythm, may be retrospective in its design, but it clearly reaches the parts more modern approaches can only dream about.

Dale, bassist Ron Eglit and drummer Bryan Lee Brown clearly relish their new international audience. A 90-minute set, taking in material from Dale's albums *Tribal Thunder* and *Unknown Territory*, as well as the unreleased-as-yet *Calling Up Spirits*, followed by encores and an autograph session, combined value for money with an easy charm. Musicians half Dale's age would be hard-pressed to match his pace and stamina.

At times Dale seemed to be blown over by the sheer gusts of sounds generated by his guitar, a gold-sprayed Fender prototype. The frenetic acceleration of instrumentals like *Nitro*, *Esperanza* and Dale's first big hit, *Let's Go Trippin'*, had the function of a sonic wind machine. Dale's black locks, anchored only by a matching bandana, flew backwards while his face — eyes closed, head up — had the expression of one who had achieved that special empathy with his instrument granted only to a few.

A handful of cover pieces — including *Fever*, *Ghostriders in the Sky* and Link Wray's *Rumble* — acknowledged Dale's early peers, just as his new material shows him unwilling to vary a winning style. It just goes to prove the wisdom in the old saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".

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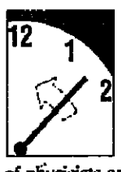
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The symphony that seems to break the rules of physics ☐ How laser images can help to restore sight ☐ Can plants communicate?

Going faster than light



ACCORDING to relativity, the speed of light is an absolute: going any faster — as in *Star Trek* — simply isn't possible. But now a number of physicists are claiming to have detected particles travelling considerably faster than light. One of them, Gunter Nimtz, of the University of Cologne, claims to have actually sent a signal faster than light by modulating a microwave beam. The signal could have been anything, but was Mozart's 40th Symphony.

The experiments involve passing microwaves down square metal tubes which are too small to accommodate them. A simple *example of the same phenomenon* is to drive a car into a tunnel with the radio on. If the tunnel is too narrow, the radio signal dies.

In the case of the microwaves, if the cross-section of the tube is less than a complete number of half wavelengths, the signal cannot pass through, but is reflected. Yet some microwaves do get through — a process known as tunnelling.

This strange phenomenon seems to defy normal rules. When particles — such as, say, photons, the particles of light — are directed at impenetrable barriers, they ought to bounce back. But some don't. Quantum theory says that there is a small probability that a particle can tunnel its way through a barrier that ought to be impenetrable — and that is, indeed, observed.



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Theory further suggests that particles tunnelling through barriers, or microwaves going down too-narrow waveguides, should do so without any appreciable delay. This has led to a series of experiments in which physicists have attempted to measure the speeds. The upshot of experiments at the University of California is that photons tunnelling through an "impenetrable" optical filter do arrive sooner than those travelling through air.

Dr Raymond Chiao, whose team was responsible, concluded that the photons had travelled at 1.7 times the speed of light. Now an even greater speed has been claimed by Dr Nimtz, for his microwaves tunnelling through the waveguide bearing the strains of Mozart — 4.7 times the speed of light, reports *New Scientist*.

The shocking thing about both these results is that the waves appear to have got there before they started, the equivalent of clocks running backwards. Quantum physicists are divided over whether this violates causality. Dr *Chiao believes that his own results* with photons can be understood if we think of them not as particles but as "wave packets", where the probability of finding a particle is represented by a curve which peaks at the most likely place.

In tunnelling, he argues, such a probability distribution is distorted so that its peak is closer to the front. This creates the illusion of faster-than-light travel but is meaningless in real terms because it works only for smoothly varying pulses — any attempt to impose a signal would prevent the experiment working. This would, in his view, prevent us sending a message faster than light.

How, in this case, can the Nimtz experiment be understood? He appears to have sent a tune by Mozart much faster than light. The jury is still out but there are a lot of furrowed brows.

Blind vision



A BLIND poet has been given back some sight by the ingenious use of a scanning laser ophthalmoscope, designed to enable doctors to study the retina by shining a beam of light on to it.

Elizabeth Goldring, who is blind as the result of diabetes, was introduced to the idea by Lloyd Aiello, her ophthalmologist in Boston. He used the laser beam to project an image of a turtle onto one of her retinas, going past the damaged region at the front of her eyes that had caused the blindness. She "saw" the turtle image clearly.

Now Ms Goldring, who as well as writing poetry works at the Centre for Advanced Visual Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is using the device to project words directly into her eyes. It has enabled her to read simple text for two hours a day.

There are millions of people in the world with eye damage caused by diabetes or macular degeneration who might benefit from such a device. The problem is bulk and expense. The machine costs $100,000 (£62,500) and Robert Webb, its inventor, is doubtful that they will ever make effective reading machines. "The economics are not very encouraging," he *admits*.

Green gossip



PLENTY of gardeners talk to their plants, but do the plants also gossip among themselves? Last week's meeting of the Institute of Physics at Telford heard the suggestion that plants can exchange information by releasing tiny amounts of gases or vapours, maybe no more than a few molecules.

Dr Michael Jackson of the Department of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Bristol is interested in the idea, pointing out that when one plant in a group is damaged in some way, others appear to respond in sympathy. One candidate for the chemical messenger is a volatile material called methyl jasmonate.

It occurs in many plants, where it seems to function as a growth regulator, or plant hormone. "Because it is volatile, people have wondered if plants might communicate by it." Dr Jackson says. "Similar suggestions have been made about ethylene."

To find out, very sensitive diagnostic methods are needed. At Keele University, Professor Derek Lainé and Dr Mohanned Al-Jourani believe the answer may lie in the laser photoacoustic effect. When a gas is exposed to laser light in the right way, it may emit a pressure wave — effectively sound — which can be picked up by a microphone.

The effect can measure the amounts of methyl jasmonate down to levels of ten parts per billion, but Dr Jackson says that further improvements are still needed if it is prove the case one way or the other.

"With ethylene we have got to levels of parts per trillion. The dilution of anything emitted by plants is so enormous that you need to detect the tiniest traces."

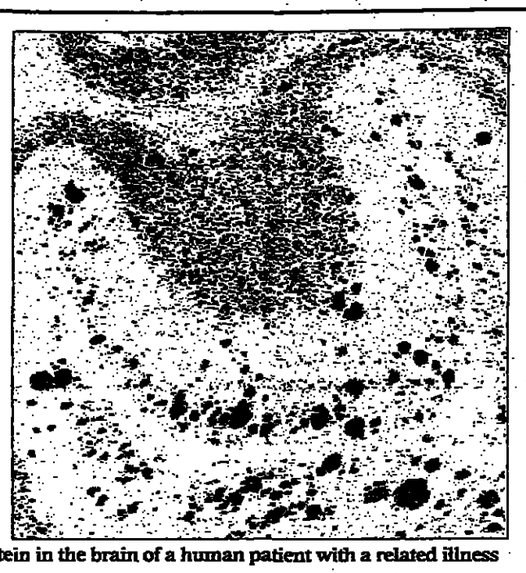
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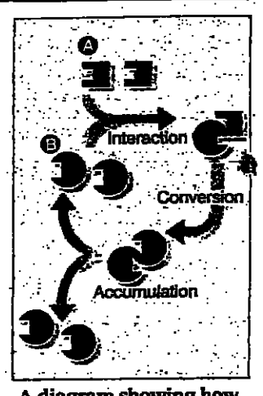
Adam Zeman reports on the mystery of a rare brain disease

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A cow with symptoms of BSE or "mad cow disease"; (right) brown clumps of prion protein in the brain of a human patient with a related illness





A diagram showing how normal prion protein (A) might be converted by abnormal protein (B) into the abnormal form, leading to the accumulation of infectious prions in the brain typical of BSE and associated disorders

Prions, "small proteinaceous infectious particles", are a novel infectious agent, neither bacteria nor virus, which appear to flout a fundamental principle of modern biology.

Although their existence was debated for a decade after the term was coined in 1982 by Stanley Prusiner, an American neurologist and biochemist, many scientists now believe that they are the cause of a group of neurological disorders, the spongiform encephalopathies, which can affect both animals and man.

The story of their discovery is as remarkable as its biological implications. It begins with scrapie, a brain disease of sheep, which was first described in the 18th century. Experiments in the 1930s suggested that it was infectious, although there has never been any evidence of transmission to man. There also appeared to be a strong inherited predisposition to develop the disease. It causes a loss of nerve cells, scarring and "spongiosis", a proliferation of cavities which gives the brain the appearance of a sponge under the microscope.

Twenty years later, an epidemic among the Fore speakers of Papua New Guinea attracted Western medical attention. Numerous members of the tribes, which happened to engage in the ritualistic cannibalism of dead relations, were succumbing to a dreadful illness. Beginning with unsteadiness and tremor, it progressed over a year or so to uncoordination, intellectual decline and physical helplessness. The brains of the victims of kuru showed strikingly similar changes to those seen in scrapie-infected sheep.

This prompted attempts to transmit kuru to experimental animals by injection. Rarely, the material was also infectious in monkeys when eaten. No one born since cannibalism was abandoned in New Guinea has developed kuru.

The interlinked stories of scrapie and kuru might well have dwindled into a medical footnote, had it not been for a change in techniques for processing sheep offal and for a number of other rare neurological diseases.

Sheep offal has been an surprising ingredient in the otherwise vegetarian diet of British cattle for many years. The epidemic of "mad cow disease" or BSE (bovine spongiform encephalitis) among British cattle in the 1980s was probably the result of a change in production methods which allowed material from sheep with scrapie to infect cattle.

The human disorders which have kept neurologists' interest in this area alive are rare. Even the most common, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease (CJD), occurs in only about one individual per million per year worldwide. Its symptoms somewhat resemble kuru, with earlier intellectual decline. Similar changes to kuru and scrapie occur in the brain.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease can be transmitted to apes and — rarely — conveyed between humans. A tragic outbreak resulted from the use of growth hormones from the pituitary glands of cadavers to treat short stature.

There is no evidence, however, that most sufferers from CJD catch the disease from other sufferers, and in a few cases we can be confident that the disease is not caught at all: it is inherited. To complicate matters, material from the brains of patients with inherited disease sometimes transmits the disorder to monkeys in the laboratory. This flies in the face of the usual expectation that diseases are either inherited or acquired.

What kind of agent could *possibly give rise to this bizarre* spectrum of human and animal disease, sometimes infectious, sometimes inherited, but invariably laying waste to the brain?

The bugs causing human disease are many and various — bacteria, viruses, fungi and protozoa — but they have one fundamental property in common with one another and with us: the composition of the proteins on which their lives *depend is determined by their* genes. These are embodied in nucleic acids, the key to life on Earth. Genes specify proteins, and proteins both comprise much of the substance of the body and govern its chemical reactions. It looked likely that whatever caused the spongiform encephalopathies would contain a core of nucleic acid.

Attempts to filter out the infectious agent from infected brains suggested that the culprit must be extremely small, perhaps a virus. But procedures which reliably inactivate viral nucleic acids made no impact on it. By contrast, chemical manoeuvres which disrupt proteins clearly reduced its infective powers.

Subsequent purification revealed nothing but protein in infectious material, so the concept of prions, or infectious proteins, was born. The idea was a radical one: proteins — unlike nucleic acids — were not thought to be capable of replicating themselves, yet in scrapie, BSE, kuru and CJD prions accumulate massively in the course of infection.

The explanation is thought to run something like this. Prion protein, in minute amounts, is a normal resident in the fatty membranes that enclose the cells of the brain. Its function is unknown. Like every other protein in the body its manufacture is controlled by a gene, in this case the prion protein gene. Like all proteins it is removed and replaced as it ages.

> The answer to the riddle may lie in a rogue protein

Those of us at risk of developing an inherited prion disease produce a slightly abnormal prion protein. This is unusually liable to undergo some kind of change, perhaps a *change of shape, which* renders it indigestible by the cell. Indigestible protein then interacts with the digestible variety, converting it to the indigestible form. Prion protein accumulates, wreaking havoc in the brain.

The capacity of the rogue protein to convert its healthy relations into the indigestible state explains the puzzling fact that the prion diseases can be either inherited or acquired *through infection. The explanation* for most human cases — which do not appear to be either inherited or straightforwardly acquired — remains a matter for debate. Professor John Collinge, a neurologist at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, has suggested that in these cases, too, inherited predisposition plays a role.

Our growing understanding of the biology of prions has shed some light on the risk of BSE to man. Although most mammalian proteins are shared, they differ in their detailed composition from one species to another. The less closely related two species are, the less similar their proteins.

Prion protein is no exception, and the risk of developing disease after exposure to rogue protein falls off sharply if it derives from a species remote from one's own. Experiments have shown that mice are normally susceptible to inoculation with prions from mice, but resistant to those from hamsters. If the hamster prion protein gene is instilled into the hapless mouse, the resulting transgenic animal produces the hamster prion protein as well as its own. It then becomes a potential victim of the hamster disease.

The existence of such a species barrier, albeit incomplete, suggests that the risk to man from the cattle prion is very remote. Anatomical barriers reduce the risk still further. Prions are much less likely to cause trouble if eaten than if injected, and much more abundant in the nervous system than elsewhere. Experiments demonstrating transmission have usually taken the extreme measure of direct injection of nervous tissue into the brain.

Dr Bob Will, a consultant neurologist in Edinburgh, leads a research team conducting continuous surveillance of the incidence of CJD in the United Kingdom. Beef farmers are not alone in hoping that the team will make a reassuring contribution to the extraordinary science of prions.

● Dr Zeman is a neurologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

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Simon Schama reports on the Nazi attempt to slaughter a population to create a Teutonic hunting idyll

Hermann Goering's forest of death



Hermann Goering — his overblown uniform made him absurd, but behind the bonhomie he was planning the ethnic cleansing of thousands of people

In his prime, Hermann Goering adored hunting opponents, rivals and heavily-antlered stags — the difference being that he had a healthy respect for the quadrupeds. In 1934 he enacted a Reich Game Law which made Goering himself the first *Reichsjägermeister* (entitling him to dress up like an extra from *Der Freischütz*) and provided capital punishment for anyone with the temerity to kill an eagle. Vivisection was prohibited on pain of deportation, or of being dispatched to a concentration camp, where the medical staff was less fussy about operating on humans than hounds.

And there were Goering's own bison. Lithuania's talismanic beast was for Goering the symbol of hairy, Teutonic bullishness. He was supplied with breeding bulls by the Berlin Zoo and planned to begin populating his Schorf Heide estate, east of Berlin, with progeny produced, according to the best veterinary eugenic advice, from mating with hybrid cows. On June 10, 1934, Goering appeared on the grounds of the Carinhalle in a spectacularly ill-matched outfit of aviator's rubber, billowing sleeves, high boots and a hunting knife stuck in his bulging belt. Massed, green-liveried foresters roared their admiration. And diplomats reached deep within their training to mask titters behind expressions of charmed admiration.

The *Reichsjägermeister* had more of the animals shipped to his immense Prussian hunting estate at Rominten, on the Lithuanian border. Almost at home, they flourished in the company of Teutonic wolves and any stags who managed to escape Goering's constant artillery.

Inevitably, Goering cast a covetous eye on Bialowieza, across the border in Polish Lithuania. On visits to the hunting palace there, he slept in the former Tsar Alexander's bed, vast enough to accommodate his frightening bulk, and wallowed like a hog in the marble sunken bath. After his initial visit he made sure that not a year went by without a visit to the primeval forest in Lithuania and, as the years passed, his foreign policy and his hunting habits gratifyingly converged.

The Poles were understandably apprehensive about German intentions and for some years were given smiling reassurances by Goering, as battalions of boar and deer dropped to his gun, that the foreign interests of the two states coincided — that Germany had no designs on the Danzig corridor.

He even went so far as to insinuate that the Poles and the Germans might together carve-up adjoining territories, the former annexing part of the Ukraine while the Reich moved up the Baltic.

These barefaced lies continued even while Germany was negotiating the non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union that provided for a joint



Author: Simon Schama

invasion and the partition of Poland. But if the Poles had their suspicions of Germany, they were regularly disarmed by the glad-handing jocularity of the hunter. Until almost the very end they had no idea they were to be the prey.

When war broke out in September 1939, the *Blitzkrieg* was so savage and so swift that the German army reached Bialowieza in a matter of weeks. Under the agreement with the Soviets, the Germans withdrew to a line on the Bug river. For two years Bialowieza became Russian; but the commissars were less interested in hunting than enforcing sound ideological principles in the local population.

On June 22, 1941, Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa against the Soviet Union. Exactly five days later there was a swastika flying over Bialowieza. While the SS would dearly have liked to have flame-torched the forest to purge it of any possible shelter for partisans, the animal-loving *Reichsmarschall* took it as his personal property. The primeval forest was a *heiliger Hain*, a "sacred grove". Not a leaf was to suffer hurt. Fur and feathers were to be strictly protected. For the elk and bison were now his elk and bison — German elk and bison — members of a big family that included his own pet lion.

If the creatures of the woods lived undisturbed under the regime of Ulrich Scherping's German forest guards, the same protection was not extended to the local population. During their brief occupation in September 1939, the German army had already given Bialowieza a sample of the terror they would inflict on the area when they were to return two years later.

The innkeeper of the Zubr tavern, Michal Zdankiewicz, who was reckless enough to make free with his opinions of the occupiers, first had dogs set on him, then was shot standing over the grave he had just dug. In the summer of 1941 open season was declared on the Jews who made up about 12 per cent of Bialowieza's population. The procedure was routine, not just for the SS but for the regular troops of the German army — in this case Battalion 322 of General Fedor von Bock's Army Division of the Center. The 550 Jews were lined up in the forecourt of the hunting palace, the women and children separated from men and boys over 16. The next day the males were taken into the deep forest and shot beside their mass grave. Their families were deported to the ghetto at Pruzhany and ended up in the extermination ovens of Treblinka, where massed freestanding stones mark their monument.

But if Jews were to be erased altogether from the southern Lithuanian woodland villages, the landscape itself was to be decisively altered so that it would become what Goering believed it should have been all along: an unbroken extension of East Prussia. As soon as the German occupation of Poland was completed by the end of September 1939, Himmler commissioned a team led by SS *Oberführer* Konrad Meyer, who had been Professor of Agriculture at Berlin University, to plan a colonisation programme that would make over the alien landscape into something unmistakably German.

Poles were to be deported, along with Jews, and shipped further east — or else reduced to the status of barnyard animals that could be stabled or slaughtered as the freshly reclaimed landscape required. Their cottages, regarded as primitive dwellings, symptomatic of the semi-evolved, were to be obliterated and replaced by houses appropriate to a truly German countryside.

The first task toward realising this "total landscape plan", as it was designated, was to empty villages. Between late June and mid-August 1941 thousands of farmers and foresters from the old timbered villages on the edge of the forest were deported out of the area; trudging along the roads with their battered bags, their houses in flames behind them, their animals wasted in the burning barns. Around the village of Narew, northwest of Bialowieza, Battalion 322 behaved with characteristically brisk cruelty, rounding up the population on the pretext of checking papers, then driving the men off into the forest nearby and shooting about 100 of them after the usual excavation of a pit by the prisoners. One or two of the men managed to escape by feigning death. When the news passed round, villagers returned to the site at night, dug up their family members, and brought them back clandestinely to Narew for burial in the local cemetery. Similar scenes were repeated throughout the area. At least 900 villagers (not counting the Jewish deportees) were murdered in this way. The flamboyant hunting lodges of Bialowieza became home to the different divisions of the Nazi terror. The commander of Battalion 322 took up residence in the former tsar's hunting apartments while the rest of the palace was filled up with officers, including Goering's specially deputed forester Ulrich Scherping and his staff, and some units of German airmen.

> It was to be a sacred grove in the forest — but only for the animals

Down the hill a little way, the gendarmerie and Gestapo occupied brick annexes from which for three years they carried out a policy of merciless brutality.

As elsewhere in occupied Europe, the Nazis specialised in public hangings, with the villagers obliged to be spectators or join the next line on the swinging gibbets. On at least one occasion, a group of teenagers was rounded up for some act of courageous, childish misbehaviour and sentenced to execution. The commander's idea of clemency was to accept the offer of a group of septuagenarians to be hanged in their place.

Two ideas of the primeval forest were at war in occupied Bialowieza. The goal of the German terror, once Jews had been eliminated from the scenery, was to use violence (mauling by retrained hunting hounds became a routine punishment) to dissuade the local population from taking to the woods as partisans.

The forest became the Germans' colony of death, a place of mass executions. It was a dirty business of hasty entries and exits. Once its humans had been made docile, it could be prepared by dependable German foresters to take on its proper role as the Greater Reich's most splendid hunting ground. With its Polish-Lithuanian identity completely wiped out, it could be presented as a great, living laboratory of purely Teutonic species: eagles, elk, and wolves. And since a painting of a bison hung on Goering's wall at the Carinhalle (presented to him by the Finance Minister of the 1930s, Hjalmar Schacht), the most famous of the forest animals could, at last, be definitely reclassified as zoologically Aryan.

● *Extracted from Simon Schama's* Landscape and Memory, *HarperCollins (£30).*

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Peter Ackroyd reviews Simon Schama's epic study of how landscape influences history in *Thursday's* books pages, and Ben Macintyre interviews the author in the *Magazine* on Saturday

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Time for a rude awakening

The prophets of the Polite Tendency may have finally bored Middle England to distraction

They are stalking us again, all of them. Mr Blair started it, talking in a manly voice about duty and responsibility and discipline and honey for tea. Then Mr Major went on *Good Morning with ... Anne and Nick* to make an important statement about gardening and his close-knit family and how he likes nothing better than cricket and "listening to music".

Mr Blair retaliated by going on the *Today* programme and actually apologising for interrupting John Humphrys. Reasonableness is breaking out all over as they hunt the quarry nicknamed Middle Britain. And Middle Britain simpers awkwardly, self-conscious under this onslaught like a homely girl who suddenly finds herself the belle of the ball.

The much-reported *She* conference on Wednesday felt pretty good about it all. Reasonable middlingness is the new hip way to be: there were none of the old shrill demands for "resources", only pleas for common sense and kindliness and the odd bit of seed money.

Kamlesh Bahl, of the Equal Opportunities Commission, sternly insisted she was Chairwoman, not Chair. No trumpets sounded for revolution: the day's most popular speaker was Clare Rayner, who said that heck, good government is just like gardening, with careful, neat-handed ministers tending us and our seedlings in the cold-frame of social policy.

Moreover, contrary to reports, Lady Olga Maitland was not hissed almost off the stage; just once, a few seconds of gentle susurration greeted some particularly ripe observation of hers. You could have taken it for a sigh. In fact, under the stern direction of their respectable middle-England chairMum — oh, all right, me — the audience gave Lady Olga an extra round of applause for being the first Tory to brave a platform crowded with New Labour. And when David Mellor joined the panel, nobody was rude about his love life. Instead, they asked questions about spending more lottery money on the NSPCC and housing trusts, and he tended to agree with them. Ah yes, Thatcher the Destroyer is gone, Tony Benn and Dennis Skinner slumber in their dark caves, and good fairies trip through bosky glades unmolested by rude cries of "fascist!" or "commie!". The Polite Tendency has taken over.



LIBBY PURVES

In the middle of it all, not only are we wallowing weekly in Joanna Trollope's Cathedral-choir saga, while Ms Trollope exclusively reveals in this newspaper that Janet Street-Porter is on her second Aga; but two ITV regions have announced a new series of Enid Blyton's *Famous Five*.

This time it is not a send-up, nor a politically correct adaptation in which Anne headbutts the villain while Julian and Dick get in touch with their feelings. It is a faithful version, set in the 1950s. They have scoured the country to find four politely-spoken children with clean hair and no baseball caps, who look good in T-bar shoes and hair-ribbons. Children who can say "Golly!" without flinching, and be trusted not to turn up at Bafta awards in sequined boob-tubes like Hollywood Lolitas. Ah yes; Middle Britain is at last being offered a scrumptious tea, with lashings of ginger-beer. Come election year, all the politicians will be fighting for photo-opportunities with Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the Dog.

I do wonder, though, whether we should take a warning from the case of Ms Paula Yates. We must remember what tends to happen with these glitzy, preening, praise-aholic types — you know, rock chicks, MPs, party chairmen, people like that. They get a brief burst of enthusiasm for Middle Britain and *Famous Five* values, and then they get bored.

Paula Yates is famously the author of a babycare book castigating mothers who go out to work, and of numerous interviews in which she explains that she loves Enid Blyton and aims to be the kind of mother who makes up scrummy picnics with cake and pop so they can go adventuring through the meadows. And she did all that, for a bit.

Then she got tired of respectability, announced that she "married too young" at 26, and has started to hang out with rock stars in hotel bedrooms.

Which is not at all *Famous Five*: as far as I know there is no section in the Blyton oeuvre, where Dick exclaims "Golly, George! Julian's Mum has gone off with a lead guitarist! Can we share your picnic instead?".

Call me jaundiced, call me cynical, but I get this terrible feeling that the political Paulas will, in their turn, grow restless and start hankering for policy equivalents of black nail-varnish, transparent dresses and all-night raves. They will get bored with wooing the pipe-and-slippers vote, sick of pottering in the garden-shed of social policy and doing nice little sensible jobs of clipping and pruning and packing us scrummy picnics of special needs teachers, shoppa-hoppa buses, police on the streets, and lashings of hip-replacements.

They will yearn for drama and colour in politics again. They will want adrenalin-rush rallies and hot slogans and the daring peekaboo policies of permanent revolution.

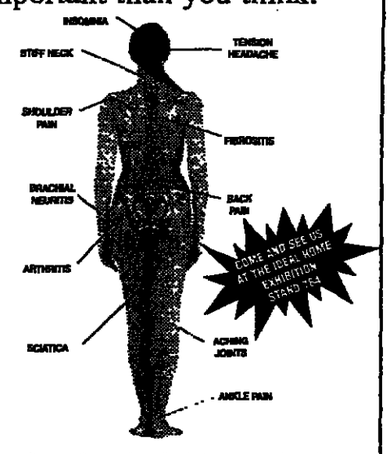
One lot will dream of the glory days when Maggie did her great numbers "Not for turning" and "Rejoice!"; the other lot will start sneaking off to all-night Clause Four "Hand and Brain" raves in support of Wages Due Lesbians. They will flirt with dangerous, exciting extremes and turn their backs on Middle Britain again.

We shall be left wondering sadly why Mummy forgot to pack the ginger-beer she promised. Nice though it is to get some quality time, we know it can't last.

Which perhaps explains why, despite all their efforts, we are not as excited as they would like.

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Matthew Parris



■ MPs are not noted for their sporting prowess, otherwise an athletic record could be under threat

Happiness, for those of us whose ambitions exceed our talent, is finding a pond small enough to be a big fish in. I always wanted to be a champion marathon runner. In my mind I *was* a champion marathon runner. But reality never matched. As Grandad once confided to me while we watched Nana scampering *towards the sea with her* familiar shout of "Hooray! What fun!" (it always preceded her turning back as the waves lapped her ankles): "Mentally, Alice is a swimmer; physically she has never quite made it."

I was luckier than Nana. I found a pond small enough to be a champion in. It was called the House of Commons. Frankly, as sporting categories go, *the Commons is not a competitive field.* By finishing the 1985 London marathon in 395th place, in a time of two hours, 32 minutes and 57 seconds, *somewhat behind the leading* women, but ahead of the gorillas and the waiter with the tray, I became, I *think*, the fastest marathon-running MP ever.

Before you are moved to spontaneous applause, ask yourselves in what other categories most of us, if elected to Parliament, could *establish ourselves* as "best MP ever". Jam-making, hopscotch, karaoke, cucumber-growing, fidelity and Scrabble spring to mind. There can hardly be a *Times* reader who could not construct a category in which he or she might finish a nose ahead of 650 distracted, stressed out, overweight, short-sighted beings of mixed intellectual calibre, mostly middle-aged men.

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Still, it felt good, on Westminster Bridge on a Sunday in April 1985. And it felt good each subsequent April when my little claim to a sporting record has survived another year intact.

As this goes to print, I cannot be sure that no MP has finished faster this year, but I doubt it. Seb Coe could easily beat me if he tried: but 800 metres is a very different race. As the world record-holder in that event for 15 years (Coe will surely establish a new record: that of the record-holder who *has held his record longest*), he would still have to train properly and for months beforehand for the London marathon. My spies tell me this has not been the case and I do not believe he has even entered. Gary Waller (Keighley) must now hold the record for the sheer number of London marathons completed by an MP: he has been running them since they started: but, thankfully, not very fast.

Gary also holds the record for the amount of pain endured by an MP in the London marathon. As all his marathons take more than four hours, he has endured (by my calculations) nearly 50 hours of sheer hell on London's roads since the event was conceived. Few realise that a four-and-a-half hour marathon is actually harder to run than a two-and-a-quarter hour marathon. The pain is just as great in either case, but for Gary it lasts twice as long.

There was one year when Colin Moynihan, then an MP, looked a real threat to my record. An ex-Olympic cox, he was certainly capable of it. He entered with a degree of fanfare and some ugly rumours about his punishing training schedule. Sadly, Colin, who had become a minister, left the race after 12 miles. His excuse was he had another engagement.

I think I am safe this year. Let nobody talk to you about the comradeship and sporting spirit of the long-distance runner. Every night, before a modest shrine of little voodoo dolls I have constructed, each representing one of the MPs likely to enter the marathon, I pray (as I place an extra skewer into every doll) that flu, Achilles problems or a particularly nasty knee injury will afflict possible competitors, keeping them off my time.

So far it has worked. And why not? Hell, one doesn't even ask to keep the record for eternity: just for the millennium. There will be another general election before the year 2000, bringing in perhaps a final crop of MPs before the century is out. One can be fairly confident *that this lot (bar Coe)* present no threat. As a Conservative myself, and an admirer of Coe's, I of course hope that Coe's majority of 3,267 (against the Liberal Democrats) in Falmouth & Camborne proves unassailable at the next election. But should misfortune strike ... well, there would be a silver lining. Mr Coe would find that his health improves and I would be able to remove the pins from the doll.

The race runs right past my front door in east London. I write this having all but shouted myself hoarse cheering on the brave runners. I have *cheered the people dressed* as jesters, the Andy-Pandys, the firemen and the man with Big Ben on his shoulders. I have cheered the lame, the halt, the elderly and the overweight. I have cheered the gorillas. I have cheered everyone who seemed to be in trouble.

I began cheering at 11.17: the point when runners heading for a finishing time equal to or slower than two *hours, 32 minutes and 57* seconds started to pass my door. For the faster runners I stay inside. Call me unsporting, but I just can't bear to watch.

The strength of the German economy threatens the introduction of a single European currency

Why the ecu is such a distant dream

William Rees-Mogg

What do they know of Europe who only Brussels know? From the time of the Treaty of Maastricht, in 1991, a dangerous *gap has opened between the Euro* elite and public opinion in the European countries. Since then, I have been reporting on the Europe of the nations rather than the Europe of the Brussels' institutions.

A number of conclusions are self-evident. The first is that Europe in the 1990s is still national rather than federal in its loyalties. In each country, people are far more concerned with their own governments and with their own national institu*tions than with Brussels. For the* Italians, it is Rome which counts and the Italian elections which are most keenly contested. This national focus of loyalty may be somewhat less true in Belgium, which is deeply divided, or in Luxembourg, which is a Grand Duchy rather than a nation, but it is the general state of Europe. So long as the loyalty of the people is primarily devoted to their own countries, the nations, rather than Brussels, will retain the ultimate authority.

After Maastricht, the German Constitutional Court found that the democratic basis of the European Union remained in the individual national parliaments, and had not been taken over by the European Parliament. That is true in fact, as well as in German law.

There is not much evidence of any movement from this national loyalty to a broader European one. Indeed, the nations are more threatened by the re-emergence of the older and smaller nations which form part of them. Germans tend to believe that the system of the lander, the German type of federalism, will satisfy regional nationalists and will be accepted by the Catalans, the Scottish and the *Basques. They are supposed to accept* that smaller nations than themselves can be full members of the European Union but they can only be *members* through some larger body. Certainly, Scottish Nationalists will have a battle to persuade the European *Union to accept them as a separate* member of the Community because of the danger that their example would spread to other nationalist claimants. The Germans do not want to encourage separatism in Germany or in any other European country.

How popular is the European idea inside the other European countries? In general, the idea, when broadly expressed, is still popular enough, but the bureaucracy is not. Except possibly in Britain, where the disaster of the exchange-rate mecha*nism recession has eroded support* for Europe. There is still a widespread belief in some sort of European ideal. In the nine national referendums held since Maastricht, the post-Maastricht system has been rejected three times and was accepted only narrowly by the French.

All the European nations seem to recognise that the size of Germany is a problem, even the Germans. Before reunification, the four leading European economies — Germany, France, Italy and Britain — were roughly level with each other, though Germany was already the largest and had the biggest exports. Now the German population has increased by nearly a third and Germany still has *the highest GDP per head. As this is* combined with the political strength of the Franco-German alliance, Germany appears to the rest of Europe to be the controlling shareholder.

This is also a problem for the Germans themselves. As the control*ling shareholder they are expected to* find the funds. The experience of East Germany has shown them how expensive the development of backward European countries can be. It is one thing to subsidise the three small and poor countries of the European Union — Ireland, Portugal and Greece — and another to contemplate development finance for the potential new members from Eastern Europe. The German economy is strong, but it is not unlimited: it is not competitive with the United States in new technology or with Japan in the ability to generate vast surpluses. German industry has high costs, is exporting jobs, has a large welfare burden and an ageing population.

The single currency itself has no real popular support in any European country of substance. It is a device of the technicians which was *taken up by the politicians rather* than something the people genuinely want. Yet the real difficulty may lie in the German economy even *more* than in this lack of public support.

The Germans have every right to be proud of the post-war record of the *mark, which follows two inflationary* collapses of their currency in the first half of the century. A strong economy and a strong Central Bank have maintained one of the three strong currencies of the world. The question is whether the German economy is powerful enough to support an equally successful ecu.

It is clear to the Bundesbank that in every way in which the ecu is different from the mark, it is bound to be inferior to it. The European economy taken together is not as *strong as the German; there would* be less German control; and the debt situation would be worse. The Bundesbank is therefore reluctant to accept the single currency proposal. *Chancellor Kohl is in favour of it for* political reasons, because he sees it as part of the process of building a single European state.

In the Maastricht treaty, the first date for the single currency was 1997 and the second was 1999; most people agree that the first date cannot be met. However, the next German federal elections, in which Chancellor Kohl may still be a candidate, have to be held in 1998, before the final decision date. It *seems likely that the survival of the* mark will become a German election *issue at that time. Some observers* expect that the marketplace will gradually introduce a single currency for a number of strong partners, by an evolutionary process. That group might include Germany, Austria, The Netherlands and possibly even Switzerland, if the Swiss would agree. The success of such a currency might lead to other countries, *such as* France and Britain, joining later on, but this is pragmatic and relatively distant. Europe has been trying to *negotiate a single currency for at least* 120 years and there still seems to be a long way to go.

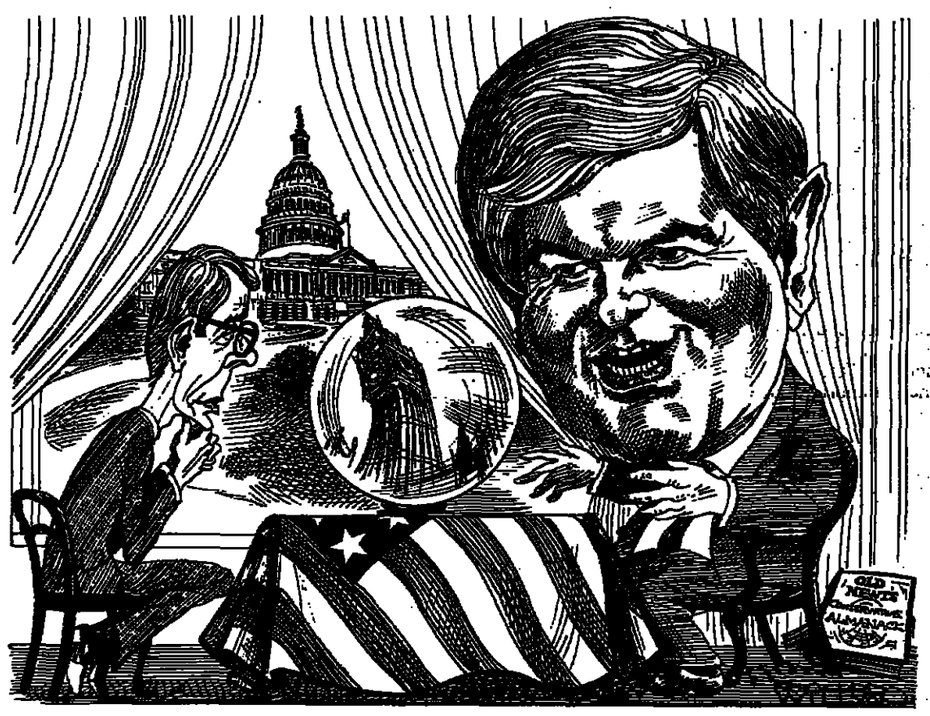
In the early 1980s, the political class of Europe was still more or less united on the European project. As one goes round Europe, one is now struck by the fact that there are two elites: the very middle-aged Euro elite and the *younger and much more* international information elite.

These elites have tended to split apart because Europe has failed to remain competitive in the field of information technology. It is Bill Gates who is the hero of that generation and not Jacques Santer. The information group is being promoted much more rapidly and is growing much faster than the Eurocrats; it thinks globally, perhaps to the point of fault.

This group is fascinated by the *changes in the rest of the world and* suspicious of being contained in a Europe which may be missing the main opportunities. Yet it is the group which will have increasing influence on European decision making in the coming years. The information elite probably will take the key decisions on Europe and not the old Eurocrats. The "good Europeans" are probably out of touch with public opinion, but even more dangerously their models of thought go back to the period of the 1940s and 1950s when it *took an office block to contain the* computing power of one modern PC.

Bring on the British contract

John Major should heed the Republican lesson, says **Peter Riddell**



John Major has never met Newt Gingrich. They are very different types of politician: one, a *conciliator and manager by* temperament, the other, a visionary and crusader. What Mr Gingrich, the first Republican Speaker of the House for 40 years, has achieved in galvanising Washington, as well as the recent setbacks of his "Contract with America", offer revealing pointers as to what the Tories should do to save the next election.

The Prime Minister regards his talks tomorrow with Mr Gingrich as one of the highlights of his visit to America. Yet they are due to meet for only 45 minutes compared with nearly three hours which Mr Major will spend at the White House. Most British attention has focused on the latter, after Mr Major's differences a few weeks ago with Bill Clinton about Gerry Adams's visit to America. The White House has been overcompensating with gushing remarks about *how close and cordial relations* between the two countries and their leaders are.

The truth is more prosaic than either misleading guff about the special relationship or stories about snubs or splits. The British Government does not trust the Clinton White House after some bruising incidents over the past two years, but they have to work together and they agree on most matters: how to handle Boris Yeltsin, enlargement of Nato, sanctions against Iraq, and even Bosnia, *despite earlier differences.*

The two leaders certainly have plenty to discuss, headed by the deteriorating situation in Bosnia. There is, in practice, little to talk about on Northern Ireland. This agenda is the stuff of meetings between heads of government, undramatic but necessary.

No one should underrate Mr Clinton, or his chances of re-election next year. Even now his approval ratings are twice those of Mr Major. But the Republicans' rout of the Democrats last November to capture Congress has altered the balance with the White House — especially since it came two years after the disarray of George Bush's failed re-election campaign. His defeat is a warning to Mr Major. As James Pinkerton, the frustrated policy planning adviser in the Bush White *House, said recently, the Bush cam*paign failed because it had nothing to say. Plenty of reasons were offered about why things could not be done, and few about what could be done.

"Contract with America", the compelling programme of the House Republicans in the 1994 elections, was a reaction to the vacuousness of the Bush campaign. The contract was drawn up after a careful study of the polls. It was a response to the public distrust of politicians and was intended to create a bond with voters. Divisive issues such as abortion and school prayer were omitted. Instead, the emphasis was on anti-big government pledges with a populist appeal, controlling public spending and reform of welfare, regulations and *litigation, reinforced by a commit*ment to Congressional action within 100 days. Questions were begged about what spending programmes would have to be cut, both to balance the budget and to cut taxes.

Polls last November suggested that the Republicans' triumph was much more a vote against Mr Clinton and *Congressional Democrats than an* endorsement of the contract, of which only a minority had even heard. But there was a sense that the Republicans wanted to shake things up.

With only ten of the 100 days still to go, the record on implementation is mixed. Mr Clinton has already signed two items into law, applying national employment laws to Congress and limiting the imposition of new federal requirements on state and local governments unless federal funding is also provided. But the *Senate failed to muster the two-thirds* majority needed for a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. The same happened last Wednesday in the House for an amendment limiting the length of time people can serve in Congress. The need to reduce the budget deficit may limit the scale of tax cuts. In time, proposals on welfare and *regulatory reform should pass,* though probably watered down since Senate Republicans are more cautious than their more ideological colleagues in the House.

Nonetheless, the Democrats' attempts to bury the contract are premature. While it was mutually inconsistent on spending and taxes, the House Republicans have changed the terms of the policy debate in Washington by challenging the structure of the bureaucratic welfare state.

Many British Conservatives are *attracted by the idea of the contract.* One of Michael Portillo's speeches earlier this year was billed as a British version, even though in the end he did not mention the term. It has obvious attractions as a campaign slogan about renewing links with the people. But it is much harder for a party which has already been in office for 16 years to make such an appeal than for House Republicans, who had been in opposition for 40 years. To challenge the status quo with dramatic new initiatives is unconvincing when proclaimed by those embodying that status quo. Some specific themes, such as welfare and regulatory reform, are echoed by Thatcherite ministers in Britain, but no one has a magic formula dramatically to alter the balance of taxes and spending.

The real lesson of the contract is *that parties have to offer positive* reasons for being in office. On Saturday, Mr Major said the Tories' 1979 programme had largely been achieved and it was time to move on. He outlined a wide array of further proposals on crime, housing, nursery schools and tax cuts, to show that the Government has not run out of steam. Yet, paradoxically, his speech showed how difficult it is for long-serving incumbents to devise and present a fresh appeal. They are always constrained by their records. It is easier for Tony Blair to outline general themes, as Mr Clinton did in 1992. Yet what Mr Major still has, which Mr Bush did not have then, is a determination to stay in office. That, at least, Mr Major and Mr Gingrich have in common.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Off the Bill

WHEN will Tony Blair follow John Major in paying a visit to Bill Clinton? For his reluctance to meet his ideological soulmate is becoming daily more marked. Once Blair's "New Labour" Party flirted outrageously with Clinton's New Democrats. Clinton's aides, including his spin-doctor Mandy Grundenwald, even helped during his leadership campaign. Blair intended to go Stateside this month, it was rumoured last autumn. There followed the Democrats' drubbing in the mid-term elections and other unfortunate incidents.

"Not much more than two years ago, the fashion in the Labour Party was to talk about Clintonisation," huffs a Conservative Central Office spokesman. "They are no longer talking about doing that — it's another fashion that has failed."

Now the firm riposte from Tim Allan, Blair's press officer, on timing is: "No date has been set." One party source whispered that he did not expect his leader to go this year.

Nor, it is said, is Cherie Blair keen to stroll around the White House lawn with fellow barrister, Hillary, while their husbands reminisce about their days at Oxford.

Instead, the Labour leader will embark on a series of foreign forays as part of his "education" to everywhere, it appears, except Washington. High on the list of leaders to be favoured by an early visit is, I hear, that other troubled president, Boris Yeltsin.

Tragic link

LORD Wakeham has decided on all but one of the new members for *his revamped Press Complaints* Commission including — it is rumoured — Lady Browne-Wilkinson, wife of a law lord, and Sir Brian Cubbon, former Home Office permanent secretary. Others include *Baroness Smith*, widow of John, and Lib Dem peer, Lord Tordoff.

But, with Cubbon, Wakeham shares a tragic bond: both were victims of IRA terrorist attacks. Wakeham was badly injured in the Brighton bombing, which killed his wife, whereas Cubbon received serious wounds when an IRA land mine exploded in 1976, killing his secretary, Judith Cook, and Britain's ambassador to Eire, Christopher Ewart-Biggs.

Fit for a King

AFTER his jolly lunch with the Queen in Durban last month, the King of the Zulus, King Goodwill Zwelithini kaCyprian Bhekuzulu, is brushing his leopard-skin headdress and blue crane feathers in preparation for his reciprocal visit to Britain in May.

Highlight of the trip will be the official unveiling of his only authorised portrait at the Royal Geographical Society. At His Royal Highness's request the oil painting, by American artist Sheldon Gold*stein, depicts him in traditional re*gal dress on the Zulu nation.



King Goodwill on canvas

However Goldstein, delighted at such an honour, is prepared to greet him in whatever garb he chooses for the unveiling ceremony. "But wouldn't it be great if he arrived wearing his traditional costume."

● *Dame Lucie Rie, the great potter, who died aged 93 at the weekend, hit it off remarkably well with Sir David Attenborough. While filming a documentary on her life and work, he once had to grab her quickly by the ankles to prevent her toppling into a top-loading kiln.*

"You will have to cut out that undignified scene," Rie ordered the director, Cyril Frankel. Later, after seeing a private view of the film, she relented, and let it be shown in full.

Lost alumnus

WHEN OUR Defence Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, trots off to Zimbabwe this week for a nine-day visit he will, in one sense, be returning to old haunts. His first job on leaving Edinburgh University was to teach black and white students in what was the University of Rhode*sia in Salisbury.*

When Rifkind made the first rung of the ministerial ladder as a junior Scottish Office minister, a former black student sent congratulations to him, saying he too had achieved political success — as the foreign minister under the new regime. "He lasted just six *months," Rifkind tells me. "The last* I heard, he was running a pub in Bulawayo."

● *Department of Transport officials are feeling weighed down by the paperwork submitted with the four tenders for the Channel Tunnel rail link. End to end, the documents would cover a fair few miles of the track, for each bid measures more than 30ft high and weighs in at 3.5 tonnes.*



MP Diane Abbott takes to the hustings with her son, James

Soul mates

ONE of Westminster's most unlikely alliances must be that between the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, right-winger Jonathan Aitken, and Labour's unreconstructed left-wing MP, Diane Abbott. Hence Abbott, to date, has kept remarkably silent about the minister's current difficulties over arms contracts. "They go back a long way," confirms a Commons aide. In fact, to the troubled days of TV-am, on which Abbott worked as a journalist.

Since Abbott's entry into the Commons, the two MPs have co-operated in votes as "pairs" — and invite each other to social events. In addition, they can both be seen on occasion cooing over James, Diane's feisty three-year-old offspring. Aitken is his godfather.

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A CHINESE PUZZLE

Why should Peking need to silence an idealistic electrician?

A year ago Chinese police stopped a car travelling to Peking from the northeastern city of Tianjin and took away *its occupant*. Mystery and official embarrassment have surrounded the fate of Wei Jingsheng, nominated in America and Denmark for the Nobel Peace Prize, ever since.

China has plenty of ways to deal with political dissent while preserving legal forms: to be charged with an offence is tantamount to conviction since the acquittal rate is 2 per cent. But a form of *habeas corpus* exists under Chinese law. No one may be held without charge for more than a few weeks. No charges against Mr Wei have been announced. In further contravention of the law, his family has not been told where he is, and no lawyer has had access to him.

Mr Wei now resides in Kafka's castle. At first, the authorities said that he had been released; then admitted that he was being held on suspicion of committing "new criminal offences"; then that he was staying in a hotel. As months have gone by, the confusion has only deepened. The Ministry of Justice *insists that he is in none of China's* 690 prisons. But Foreign Ministry spokesmen *claim*, without elaborating, that he is "a convicted criminal" and last week, refused even to say whether he is alive, on the ground that reporters would "follow up with a question on his health".

Why should this 45-year-old former Red Guard, soldier, and electrician at Peking Zoo, whose offence was to pin a poster to Peking's "Democracy Wall" in 1978, sow such confusion in the Chinese Government? In common with other critics of the system, he lacks money, power or public Chinese outlets for his views. One explanation is that Mr Wei is a "class traitor", a self-taught man of the people, not an intellectual — and the son of a fairly senior Party official. The second is that his outspoken denunciations of corruption, Party privilege and factory sweatshop conditions appeal to urban and rural workers who feel that they have lost ground in the headlong transformation of China. He has even won plaudits from loyal Communists. His message is that of Confucius: "You can strangle the cockerel, but the dawn will not thereby delay its appearance." Because this is the message which rallied peasants to Mao Tse-tung in the 1920s, it is the one which today's uneasy Chinese leadership most fears.

The trouble with Mr Wei is that they have tried prison already — over 14 years, much of it in solitary confinement. Mr Wei's offence coincided with Deng Xiaoping's "four modernisations". He argued for a fifth modernisation: recognition of "the right of people to choose their own representatives who will work according to their will and in their interests". Worse still, he accused China's paramount leader of acting in the despotic tradition of China's emperors. In prison Mr Wei lost his health and most of his teeth, but none of his spirit. From jail, he wrote fervently patriotic letters to the Chinese leadership. For six months after his release in 1993 — a gesture which China hoped would win it the 2000 Olympics — he continued to speak out, saying that the Communist Party must keep pace with social and political change in China, or suffer the fate of communism in Russia.

Even in limbo, Mr Wei continues to embarrass the authorities. They see political risk in jailing him, in releasing him, and even in sending him into exile as they have other prominent critics. But by trying to duck questions about his fate, China's leaders have inspired bolder protests at home: remarkably, public petitions for the release of dissidents were sent to last month's National People's Congress. Evasion, by adding an element of mystery, will also keep him firmly in international view. This bungling harms China on material as well as moral grounds. Mr Deng has opened China to foreign investment and trade, but this strategy requires clear rules, impartially applied. The treatment of Mr Wei is not only inhumane: it exposes China's greatest systemic weakness. The release of the cockerel would be a sign that China's leaders are preparing to greet the dawn.

NEW LAMPS FOR OLD

How we see the ancients: how we see ourselves

The Classical Associations of Scotland and England have convened at St Andrews for a joint meeting. *The Times* will report their proceedings as faithfully as we have since the associations were founded. We do so not just because of public interest in the foundation courses of literature and most other Western scholarship and philosophy, art and science, and certainly not out of antiquarian snobbery, but because each generation redefines itself by its attitude to its past. It continually reinterprets history for its contemporary concerns. So classical scholarship also illuminates the present — and perhaps the future.

A century ago, prime ministers and archbishops read papers to the association on textual criticism and imperial history. All over Europe people were interested in the ancient history of empires and master-races, and Victorian romantics were inspired by the beauties of Homer and Virgil. There are of course unsavoury echoes of this: as Simon Schama writes in his forthcoming *Landscape and Memory*, Hitler sent the SS to Ancona to try to repatriate the oldest manuscript of Tacitus' *Germania*, as the "birth certificate" of the German race.

By 1995 the focus has shifted once again for 100 lecturers at the conference, most of them young and anxious to chalk up credits for their careers. The imperial certainties of a century ago have gone, and today's academics question the ancient world for weaknesses: democracy may be fine, but how was it for the slaves, women and other outsiders? They are less certain of what the texts say: and so they deconstruct them. They are less interested than their parents in the major periods, and so work on Hellenistic Greece and Byzantine Rome. This is partly a result of the expanding academic topic-hunt for theses and books, but healthy for understanding more of the past — and thus more of the present.

The subjects at St Andrews have shifted to minorities, to women and to power structures and hierarchies. Today's young classicists are no longer asking whether Augustus was a good emperor, but how to explain his power. They have lost much of the sense that moral questions and evaluative judgments are worth asking and making. But they have made gains too. A fashionable theme for modern classicists is the growth of the city, the point at which the rich and the powerful met the poor and weak. So is their interest in the politics of otherness and the cult of self-consciousness. Humans define themselves by *defining* others, as Tacitus' Romans measured themselves against the noble but savage Germans. So modern classicists are fascinated by sex and class among the ancients, by race and religion.

One reason for this shift in scholarly interests is the change from Classics based on Latin and Greek for the ruling and privately educated elite to Classics in translation. The former is difficult and to most inaccessible, the latter open to all. The discipline of the old Classics, with its emphasis on grammar and composition, taught its students to obey rules and keep their attention firmly on the text and its exegesis. The latter makes no such demands and encourages its students to ask wider questions.

Those questions still go back to the roots of our modern civilisation and to man's inherited uncertainties. This week, send not to ask for whom the lecture on Lucan or the panel on "Eros and Eris" is intended. It is aimed as always at all our human values.

SWEATY FOLK FESTIVAL

Why every finisher deserves our marathon record

Nobody seemed to mind at all. Several pages worth of road in the London A-Z were effectively *out* of bounds to cars, buses, horses and taxis yesterday: Tube stations on the runners' route were bulging with buzzing, good-natured people of all ages; and there was no refuge on the ground, in large swaths of the capital, from the rough clatter of helicopters overhead.

The London Marathon was upon us again, now a familiar, sweaty urban folk festival. Although introduced only in 1981, it is hard to remember the time when the city did not have this winding, *sapping* April run. Beardsley and Simonsen, in a tie, and Joyce Smith, first won it; Dionicio Ceron and Malgorzata Sobanska triumphed yesterday. Yet thousands of others ran it without ever hoping to win — with optimism, vim, endurance and thick skin. As a tribute to their efforts, *The Times*, starting today, will publish in the course of the week the names of all those who completed the race.

The burden of amateur marathoners is habitually described as a lonely one, unkind in its demands and solitary in its conception. There is an element of truth in this of course, although only an element. For most of those who ran the marathon yesterday — setting themselves a test of strength, phlegm and endurance — ran alone only in a literal sense. In fact, they enjoyed the unbounded support and encouragement of their friends and family. The runners ran not just for themselves, but for a complex and vocal cast of supporters and well-wishers.

These supporters, in their many thousands, lined the route which snaked its way through London's dense architecture. They cheered and exhorted, clapped and whistled, as runner after runner shuffled wearily past. The day was kind to them: the sun shone over the capital, and spring was in the urban city air if not in the steps of most participants. The benign conditions may have been a disadvantage to the non-elite runners, many of whom were seen to wilt in conditions that were warmer than those they will have trained in, but the crowds basked gratefully in them.

There were banners and posters proclaiming support for fathers, mothers, colleagues and chums from the pub; and others which announced the names of charities for which money was being raised. T-shirts bore messages of loyalty; as did badges of every hue, more succinctly. And the runners responded to this pavement patronage by giving London the best-raced marathon it has had for years. Both athletically, and by the spirit of its support, the capital enjoyed a spectacle yesterday of which it can be proud.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Equal rights for migrant workers

From Dr Christopher Vincenzi

Sir, Your leading article, "Home and away", (March 28) is quite right in its opposition to the draft directive on the rights of workers going to other member States, but for quite the wrong reasons. The EC Treaty (as amended at Maastricht) commits the Community to "the *raising* of the standard of living and the quality of life (emphasis added)". The free movement of workers was established to enable skills and labour shortages in one member State to be met from those with a surplus of both, not to create a Europe-wide sweatshop economy.

There already exist Treaty provisions and Community regulations: they entitle migrant workers to equal treatment and all the "social and tax advantages" enjoyed by employees in the host State. What is needed is not yet more, largely symbolic, directives but the effective implementation by member States of the existing legislation.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS VINCENZI,
Old Brewhouse, Springholes Lane,
Thornton, Bradford, West Yorkshire.
March 29.

From Professor A. H. Sommerstein

Sir, Your leader strongly supports the principle, now being championed by the Government in European negotiations, that employers should be free to take on foreign workers at rates of pay and with conditions of employment inferior to those enjoyed by home nationals doing similar jobs.

Such a policy would have two consequences which, because they do not carry a quantifiable price tag, may be overlooked by those for whom nothing matters but the market, and for whom there is no significant difference between markets in goods or services and markets in labour (that is, in human beings).

The policy would create in every prosperous country a helot-like underclass of migrant workers shut out from the living standards and employment rights of the majority. And in those of the majority who felt their jobs and earnings threatened by this imported cheap labour, it would create a formidable tide of resentment and anger, whose likeliest victims would be the innocent and exploited migrants themselves.

A surer recipe for social unrest and violence it would be hard to devise. Is it seriously imagined that German (or even British) workers would placidly accept Portuguese wages?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SOMMERSTEIN,
22a Grangewood Road,
Wollaton, Nottingham.
March 28.

From Mr Ian Flintoff

Sir, By your own figures (report, March 28) there is often a net outflow of workers from Britain — 70,000 Britons in Germany, 15,000 Germans in Britain. This is perhaps because working and living in Britain is an increasingly less attractive prospect. But it also gives a Government that is incompetent on the employment front at least the chance of getting rid of a proportion of the jobless elsewhere.

Of course the Government doesn't want fair and equal rates and conditions of pay for British workers in Germany. This may mean having to do conspicuously more for the conditions and pay rates of these Britons if they decide to stay at home.

Yours sincerely,
IAN FLINTOFF,
22 Chaldon Road, SW6.
March 28.

Diplomatic divide

From Dr Michael Senior

Sir, Perhaps Mr Michael Hart, QC (letter, March 27), can help me with an apparent ambiguity in the saying "Good fences make good neighbours". I had always understood it in the sense that those either side of the fence will be good neighbours if the fence is good.

However a Welsh farmer with whom I was mending a fence, probably translating from his own language, cited what is evidently an international saying, in the form: "They say a good fence is the best neighbour you can have" — that is, "make" in the sense that good fences *are* good neighbours. As Robert Frost conveys it, the saying could mean either.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SENIOR,
Bryn Eisteddfod,
Glan Conwy, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.
March 28.

Homosexual priests

From the Reverend Dr John A. Harrod

Sir, Mr Alasdair Paine (letter, March 31) insists that the Reverend Christopher Wardale should have his licence removed by his bishop.

And why? Because he has an enriching partnership of tenderness, respect, love and commitment, with another human being.

What strange aberrations of Christianity some people court.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN A. HARROD,
19 Northover Road,
Westbury on Trym, Bristol, Avon.
April 2.

Britain's future in a modern world

From Dr J. H. Mulvey

Sir, The National Week of Science, Engineering and Technology (March 17-26) celebrated our "great scientific and engineering heritage" as David Hunt, the Science Minister put it, adding, "we are still at the forefront of world science".

Less than a week later "a galaxy of politicians, diplomats, writers and thinkers" (your report, March 30), gathered at the Government's invitation to consider Britain in the World. Where were the scientists and engineers, stars of the previous week? Not invited; nothing worth hearing from them on sustainable development, nor on "education, culture and British values" (Riddell on Politics).

In its contributions to world culture through development of an understanding of the physical world, the processes of life, the evolution of the Universe and in the applications of science in medicine and engineering Britain has certainly "punched above its weight" in a global arena.

Britain's standing in the future will rest increasingly on the intelligence of its scientists and engineers as the foundation for success in a highly competitive world.

Sir David Putnam at the conference, advocated a role for Britain as "the world's university"; yes, Sir David, and as "the world's laboratory".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MULVEY
(Executive Secretary),
The Save British Science Society,
PO Box 241, Oxford OX1 3QQ.
April 2.

From Mr Colin Darracott

Sir, If Prince Charles is concerned about his subjects' apparent disregard for traditional institutions and public values, he should ask why. There seems to be an increasing recognition that something is rotten with the state of Britain and a growing consensus that both institutions and public values should be reformed, not least the House of Commons and the royal prerogative.

Clinging to ancient and not so ancient rituals and unwritten rules designed by privileged gentlemen to boost imperial egos and soothe the masses is not sufficient if we are to be active and responsible citizens participating in a modern democracy and a complex, competitive society.

To save what is good in our civic life requires that we grow up as a nation and provide opportunities for individuals to become true citizens.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN DARRACOTT (Coordinator),
Charter 88,
Exmouth House, 3-11 Pine Street, EC1.
April 1.

From Mr Michael Relph

Sir, The conference to discuss Britain's future in the modern world was an excellent idea. If we are to capitalise our assets and minimise our weaknesses we have to determine the areas in which we are able to stand alone and those in which we now need the strengths of others around us.

It is surely unthinkable that we should ever again act militarily outside Nato or the United Nations, and for all financial, commercial and industrial purposes membership of the European Union is essential.

The one area in which we can — and must — stand alone is in defence and projection of our cultural identity. Like the French, we must give every encouragement — even outright protection — to those institutions and industries which are involved in education, information, entertainment and the arts.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RELPH,
The Lodge, Primrose Hill Studios,
Fitzroy Road, NW1.

Vice-chancellors' pay and benefits

From Mr C. R. Showell

Sir, The way in which the Department for Education has decreed that information about vice-chancellors' salaries should be provided, with an additional disclosure of the cost of employer pension contributions, has led you to make precisely the sort of misleading comparisons between universities (report and table, March 24) about which the universities warned the DFE.

By and large, the pension benefits received by all vice-chancellors who are members of the two major national university schemes (one for the "old" universities and the teachers' scheme for the former polytechnics) are virtually identical. But the old universities generally have to contribute 18.55 per cent of salary costs to their private schemes, whereas the "new" universities, whose pensions are underwritten by the Treasury, pay only about 8 per cent.

There is thus an immediate gap of about 10 per cent of salary in the published value of benefits, although individuals get virtually the same benefits from each scheme. This is likely to account for the apparent anomaly that Sir Kenneth Green, of Manchester Metropolitan University, earned the highest salary but came only third after his pension benefits were included.

Universities should certainly indicate where they have provided benefits beyond those of normal public-sector schemes but the current requirement of the DFE provides information which seems to have misled *The Times*.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN SHOWELL
(Director of Finance),
University of Southampton,
Finance Department,
Highfield,
Southampton, Hampshire.
March 31.

Older mothers

From Dr Julia Berryman

Sir, In the report entitled "Birthrate rises by a half for women over 40" (March 24) Dr Kathleen Kiernan is quoted as saying: "What we don't know is whether they are delaying so long by choice." I can throw some light on this issue, having recently carried out research at Leicester University.

In a study of motherhood after the age of 35, we found that about two thirds of the babies from our sample of approximately 50 older mothers were planned, and that over 70 per cent were conceived in six months or less. Fewer than 10 per cent of their babies were the result of fertility treatment.

Two thirds of our sample had purposely delayed pregnancy and the 35+ group were twice as likely as a younger comparison group to have had a previous miscarriage or termination.

Among 346 mothers aged 40 and over, as we found in a separate study, less than half the babies were planned and 40 per cent of first-time mothers over 40 had sought advice or treatment concerning their fertility. The *mean time taken to conceive for first-time* mothers in this age group was almost four years, and for mothers aged 40 and over with previous children, 13 months.

One further finding in both studies of older mothers was that women having a first baby were likely to have a younger partner — unlike those who were having a second or subsequent baby at this age.

Yours faithfully,
JULIA BERRYMAN
(Senior lecturer in psychology),
University of Leicester,
Department of Education,
University Road, Leicester.

West Highland line

From Professor Christopher Harvie

Sir, In order to save the West Highland railway line (report, later editions, March 28; letters, March 22, 25) could not Mr Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, something of an expert in survival against the odds, persuade his Cabinet colleagues to retain the Scottish sector of Railtrack in state ownership and to vest Scotrail and the relevant rolling stock companies in separate agencies under the control of the Scottish Office?

The privatisation of Scotrail is already an absurdity, as it will be substantially dependent on the Secretary of State for subsidy. The precedent exists in the continued state ownership of water supply in Scotland, and the decision to retain the ferry services of Caledonian MacBrayne in the public sector.

If Mr Lang fails to take such action, and instead is seen to accede to a widespread programme of rail closures, his own political prospects seem grim.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER HARVIE,
1 Rheidol Terrace, N1.
March 28.

From Mr C. F. P. Jewell

Sir, Isn't the acknowledged scenic beauty of the Fort William sleeper line relevant only to daytime trains?

Yours truly,
CHARLES JEWELL,
The Pond House,
Swelling Hill, Ropley,
Alresford, Hampshire.
March 25.

Gazelles' return

From the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia

Sir, Your editorial of March 29, "Life in the big city", refers to the Saudi-sponsored programme which led to last week's release of 45 sand gazelles into the Empty Quarter. Your readers may be interested to know that this is part of the Kingdom's huge conservation effort towards its flora and fauna.

The National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development has organised the creation of various marine and wildlife reserves of which the first, the Asir National Park in the south west, was opened in the mid-1980s. A ban on hunting and grazing in the reserves has transformed the landscape, with dramatic results for the flora and fauna.

Apart from the gazelle, the survival of many threatened species such as the Arabian oryx, the largest mammal found in Saudi Arabia, has been ensured.

Yours faithfully,
GHAZI ALGOSAIBI,
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia,
30 Charles Street, W1.
March 29.

Words perfect

From Mr Anthony Wethered

Sir, Parliamentary draftsmen have an equal when it comes to stating the obvious (letters, March 20, 24, 28, 31). I recently had occasion to read BAA's Statement of Case for a fifth terminal at Heathrow Airport, where I learned that "of tourists to this country, in 1992 [sic] almost 69 per cent arrived by air and the remainder by sea."

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WETHERED,
Brampton House,
100 High Street,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
March 24.

Accountability

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, My experience as an executive director of British Rail Property Board (1974-77) — having been protestingly "promoted" from the role of chief architect of British Rail — was that non-executive directors (report, March 31) were appointed by the Minister solely in order to call to account, in merciless detail at monthly intervals, one's culpable failure to meet their unrelenting standards.

It was the chairman's task to ensure that no non-executive director went away after luncheon without a sadistic smile on his face. How things have changed.

Yours bitterly,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
13 Lynwood Road, Ealing, W5.
April 2.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Stateside Siegfried

From Sir Hardy Amies

Sir, The cheers described in your review (March 29) of *Siegfried* at Covent Garden were well deserved. The music was superb. The boos were well intentioned. They were aimed at the producer on his appearance for a curtain call.

True Wagnerians know the text. "*Selige Öde auf wonniger Höh!*" ("Blissful wasteland on wonderous heights!") are the words with which Siegfried opens scene III of the last act. Brünnhilde is standing against a chimney stack on a roof in mid-town Manhattan. She has been looked at by the dwellers in the nearby Trump Tower for 17 years.

Later Brünnhilde sings "*Dort seh'ich Grane,*" ("There I see Grane.") "*mein selig Ross: wie weidet er munter*" ("my blessed horse: awake, he grazes"). What on? Or can she see him in Central Park?

Faithful Wagnerians know the text as well as the music. Richard Jones, the producer, should tell us why he ignores it.

Yours faithfully,
HARDY AMIES,
14 Savile Row, W1.
March 29.

Lost for words

From Mr Geoffrey Wheatcroft

Sir, So as to help me through the fine writing in your Books pages, I keep on my shelves the 20 volumes of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, in its latest edition. Coming across the phrase "a necromode smelling of his own mortality" in Malcolm Bradbury's review of the new Martin Amis novel (March 23) I reached for vol. X (Moul-Ovom). But I found no trace there of "necromode". Neither could I find "trex" in vol. XVIII (Thro-Unelucidated).

We know that Professor Bradbury is a very clever fellow. All the same, for the benefit of us bumpkins, couldn't he confine himself to the 616,500 words which the OED *does* contain?

Yours faithfully,
G. WHEATCROFT,
Hotel Edelweiss,
Sils-Maria, Switzerland.
March 28.

Over and out

From Mr P. J. Turner

Sir, With regard to witty recorded messages (letter, March 29), my policeman friend put this on his home machine:

You do not have to say anything, but if you choose to leave a message it will be taken down and may be used to ring you back.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. TURNER,
Huntingtons,
Theydon Road, Epping, Essex.

From Mr C. Cambouropoulos

Sir, Amusing messages are received by answering machines too. We had one such recently purporting to be from a local burglar checking whether the house was available or otherwise.

I am now changing my message to . . . "whilst exercising our vicious rotweillers in the garden we cannot answer . . ."

Sincerely,
C. CAMBOUROPOULOS,
Ashcroft, Lewes Road,
Ringmer, East Sussex.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 1: The Prince Edward, Patron, this morning left Royal Air Force Northolt to attend a Concert given by the London Mozart Players, supported by the British Council, in the British Consulate-General, Istanbul, Turkey.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer is in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 1: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Cot Deaths (Cot Death Research), this morning attended the Annual National Conference at City University, Northampton Square, London EC1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 1: The Duke of Kent, President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this afternoon left Colombo Airport for Islamabad to inspect war graves in Pakistan.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 2: The Prince Edward this evening arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Istanbul, Turkey.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Alec Baldwin, actor, 37; Professor Janet Bately, Professor of English Language and Medieval Literature, 63; Mr Tony Benn, MP, 70; Sir Jeffery Bowman, former chairman, Price Waterhouse Europe, 60; Mr Marlon Brando, actor, 71; Mr R.S. Burman, former chairman, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 55; Canon A.D. Caesar, 71, Dr Dennis Farr, former director, Courtauld Institute Galleries, 66; Mr William Gaunt, actor, 48; the Duke of Grafton, KG, 76; the Rev David Jones, former headmaster, Bryanston School, 61; Herr *Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of* Germany, 65; Mr Jonathan Lynn, writer and actor, 52; Mr Eddie Murphy, actor, 34; Lord Justice Nourse, 63; Sir John Smith, CH, former MP, 72; Mr F.H. Tate, former vice-chairman, Tate and Lyle, 82; Sir Malcolm Thornton, MP, 56; Professor Kathleen Tillotson, professor of English, 89; Dr H.C. Tomlinson, headmaster, Hereford Cathedral School, 47; Mr John Virgo, snooker player, 49; Professor Sir Michael Woodruff, surgeon, 84.

Royal Air Forces Associaton

The annual thanksgiving service to mark the formation of the Royal Air Force was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev G.B. McAvoy officiated. Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon read the lessons. The Rev J. Sheddon preached the sermon.

Earlier, standards of the Royal Air Forces Association were paraded from Lincoln's Inn Fields to the church led by the Western Band of the Royal Air Force.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry IV, reigned 1399-1413, Bolingbroke, Lincolnshire, 1367; George Herbert, poet, Montgomery Castle, Wales, 1593; Washington Irving, essayist, New York, 1783; James Hertzog, general, Prime Minister of South Africa 1924-39, founder of the Nationalist Party, Wellington, Cape Colony, 1866; Leslie Howard, actor, London, 1893; Henry Luce, publisher of *Time, Fortune, Life*, Tengchow, China, 1898.

DEATHS: Bartolomé Murillo, painter, Seville, 1682; John Berkenhout, physician and naturalist, Besselsleigh, Oxfordshire, 1791; Reginald Heber, bishop and hymn writer, Trichinopoly, India, 1836; Christopher North (John Wilson), writer and philosopher, Edinburgh, 1854; Sir James Clark Ross, Arctic explorer, Aylesbury, 1862; Jesse James, outlaw, shot dead, St Joseph, Missouri, 1882; Johannes Brahms, composer, Vienna, 1897; Richard D'Oyly Carte, promotor of Gilbert and Sullivan operas, London, 1901; Kurt Weill, composer, New York, 1950; Ferde Grofé, composer, 1972; Sir Peter Pears, tenor, Aldeburgh, 1986.

The first Pony Express started the regular 2,000-mile run from St Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, 1860.

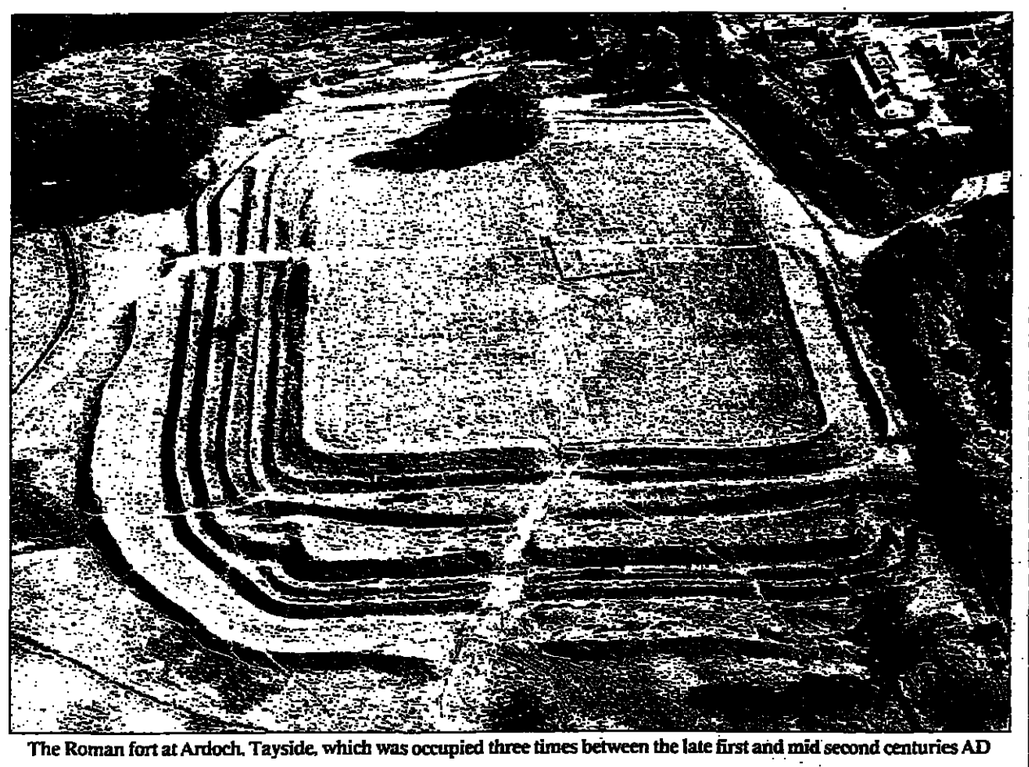
Stalin was appointed General Secretary of the Communist Party, 1922.

The Brixton riots began, 1981.

Appointments

Mr Robert James Campbell Angus to be a Social Security Commissioner and Child Support Commissioner based in London.

Lieutenant-Colonel John L.M. Dymoke, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, has been reappointed Vice Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire.



The Roman fort at Ardoch, Tayside, which was occupied three times between the late first and mid second centuries AD

How Rome scotched Caledonia

By Philip Howard

SCOTLAND is another kingdom. They do things differently up here, including history. And Scottish history is being revised by new tools and new historians. They show that the Romans did not just wall off the Caledonians as barbarians not worth the trouble of civilising; they also tried to wipe them off the face of the Highlands by ethnic cleansing.

This year at St Andrews for once the Scottish and English Classical Associations are holding a joint meeting. About 200 members from both associations and the rest of the world have descended upon St Salvator's in the ancient university of the ancient kingdom of Fife to pick and mix from 100 papers. Only the lecturers are far from ancient, singing for their suppers in order to accumulate brownie points on their pristine CVs.

Their topics range from "Virgin sacrifice, liminal women bleeding through their lives" to "It's Scotland: it must be Di-huaini" (this must be a discussion of the peculiar origin of our days of the week). In the customary courtesy of these conferences a resident academic kicked off last night. Colin Martin of the Scottish history department at St Andrews did his bit to rewrite the primitive history of Scotland in the light of the latest archaeology.

Until recently literary history saw Caledonia as a frontier too far for the practical Romans. They tried to find the sea for a northern limit for the empire, then fell back on their successive walls, with their soft southern legionaries peering glumly northwards towards the wild Scotch mist and the wilder tribes. Before the battle of Mons Graupius, the Caledonian chief Calgacus whipped up the clans and showed that Tacitus was on the side of underdogs (or could not resist a fine phrase): "These Romans make a desolation and they call it peace."

High-tech archaeology now confirms this observation. Aerial photography in drought has shown that northern Britain is rich in Roman military remains of unexpected sorts, including deliberate scorched-earth desolation. These include permanent installations such as their great walls, roads and forts and the ephemeral traces of temporary camps. From this evidence Mr Martin and his fellow detectives of the past can reconstruct two different Roman strategies north of the Forth.

The first is associated with Agricola, whose policy from the outset was to grip the terrain in a complex network of roads and forts. Within this web, Rome could make effective use of her most deadly weapon — literacy — to control the land. Her highly organised but mainly passive military strength could control, subdue and exploit the natives. The Roman army, which had formidable skills in engineering and other civil crafts, could support itself within its operational areas. So towards the end of the first century AD, the Romans husbanded local resources rather than destroy them. Only at Mons Graupius was it necessary to deploy the iron fist in the purple glove.

Archaeology now illuminates a second Roman strategy a century later. In 207 the emperor Septimius Severus came to Britain and, with his son Caracalla, conducted a series of massive scorched-earth invasions of the north, which were curtailed only by his death in York.

In the Severan operations vast armies, up to 50,000 strong, campaigned through what became Perth and the kingdom of Fife, the most fertile areas of eastern Scotland. Their strategy can only have been ethnic cleansing, systematic destruction of agriculture and genocide by famine. To the Severans this was the final-solution to the Caledonians and the intractable *problem beyond Britain's* northern frontier. Their proto-Serbian policy did not work in the long eye of history. But it could provide an archetypal explanation of Scottish suspicion of invaders from the south. Such deep-rooted tribalism is being enjoyed but laid to rest at this week's conference of inheritors of the original European community.

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Excavation at the Roman fortress at Inchtuthil, Tayside, which was abandoned in about AD 87 when men were needed on the Danube frontier

Nature notes

A FEW hoopoes were reported in Britain last week: they are pink, black and white birds with a long crest. These were probably migrants bound for France that overshot the mark. About 100 are usually seen here each year. Chiffchaffs from the Mediterranean are arriving in large numbers and singing in tree tops all over Britain, except in the mountains. Wrens have come out of the undergrowth where they generally skulk and are singing higher in the trees. Robins are beginning to nest in crevices behind loose bark and holes in the side of ditches: one sometimes finds a nest by seeing the bright eyes of the sitting female shining out.

The first bluebells are in flower, most of them on the southern edge of a wood: deeper in, the woods are still carpeted with the glossy green leaves. Ground ivy is coming out: it has aromatic leaves, and small, lipped flowers that seem to glow in the grass like blue flame. In the ditches, there are clumps of greater stitchwort: it has white flowers with split petals, and often leans against other plants for support. On hazel bushes, some of the yellow catkins are now four inches long; others are turning brown and beginning to crumble. DJM



The wren

Latest wills

Mr Douglas Mackenzie Davey, of London NW1, psychologist, left estate valued at £691,727 net.

Mrs Vlasta Vogl, of London NW1, left estate valued at £561,967 net. She left £28,000 and effects to personal legatees, £10,000 each to the British Heart Foundation, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Stroke Association, £5,000 to the RNLI and the residue to her trustees to distribute among Jewish charities dealing with youth and/or education.

Dorothy Deighan, of Macclesfield, left estate valued at £328,552 net. She left £17,000 to personal legatees, £5,000 each to the *Morning Star* and the *Irish Democrat*, £1,000 to the Unity Press, Belfast, and the residue to Unice UK.

Other estates (net, before tax):

Mrs Gladys Maud Haines, of Cross in Hand, East Sussex £787,926.

Mr Lawrence Henry Knowles, of Barby, Northants, £639,602.

Mr Anthony Manuel, of London N2 ..... £1,296,617.

Mr Cyril Ernest Charles Reginald Platten, of Hadley Wood, Herts ..... £893,061.

Mr William John Shields, of Shipton by Beningbrough, North Yorks ..... £695,113.

Mr Alec Thomas William Taylor, of Mansfield, Notts ..... £749,057.

Mr Ernest Thomas John Spence Beckett, of Eastbourne, East Sussex ..... £704,070.

Rose Bridgland, of London SW14 ..... £872,103.

Mrs Joyce Gwenda Devereux, of Caerleon, Gwent ..... £716,329.

Mr Thomas Mark Eaton, of Kingham, Oxfordshire ..... £741,921.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Kinsella and Miss M.S.E. McCabe
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Kinsella, of North Cowton, North Yorkshire, and Maria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond McCabe, of Whitecraigs, Glasgow.

Mr L.G. Medlock and Miss K.M. Gough
The engagement is announced between Lee, only son of Mr and Mrs Roger Medlock, of Rawtenstall, Lancashire, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brandon Gough, of Sevenoaks Weald, Kent.

Mr J.M.A. Paterson and Mrs J.T. Kennard
The engagement is announced between John M.A. Paterson, OBE, JP, DL, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Jean T. Kennard, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr S. Phillips and Miss S. Wickins
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr *Ronald Phillips, of* Kensington, London, and Mrs Elisabeth Phillips, of Magagnose, France, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Wickins, of Son Vida, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Mr J.C.M. Pratt and Miss R.G.A. Lindsay
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Pratt, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lindsay, of Highgate, London.

Dr C.A.S. Swain and Mrs S.J. Cooke
The engagement is announced between Christopher Swain, of Market Overton, Rutland, and Susan Jane Cooke, née Terry, of Salisbury. The marriage will take place quietly in June.

Mr N.C.T. Wheeler and Miss C. Rucker
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles Tyrwhitt, son of Mr J.V.T. Wheeler and the late Mrs Geraldine Wheeler, of Bitterley, Shropshire, and Christian, daughter of Mr P.A.S. Rucker and Mrs J.S.K. Calcutt, of Redlands, Crockham Hill, Kent.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as trustee, will attend a meeting of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at Garter House and will later attend a dinner at Windsor Castle at 6.15.

The Princess of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) will receive Major Nicholas Sharples and members of the regiment's 1995 London to Mexico rally team at Kensington Palace at noon.

Service dinners

Movement Control Officers' Club
Members of the Movement Control Officers' Club held their annual ladies dinner on Saturday at the Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut. Lieutenant-Colonel C.L.E. Spurr presided. Brigadier P.A.D. Evans, Commander, Headquarters Royal Logistic Corps Training Centre, and Mrs Evans were the principal guests.

The Essex Regiment
Colonel Geoffrey Morgan presided at the annual dinner of the 4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA) Officers Dinner Club held on Saturday in the Officers Mess of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, in Colchester.

New officers

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York:

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Marriages

Mr A.E. Fanshawe and Miss M.H.D. Anninos
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 1, 1995, at the Greek Cathedral of St Sophia, London, between Mr Angus Fanshawe and Miss Marianna Anninos. The Right Rev Timotheos, Bishop of Miletoupolis, officiated.

The bride was given away by her uncle Mr Alexi Cariotillis and was attended by Peter and Isabella Spyrou, Katia and Christiana Florman, Emily Vitian, Rosa McNeill, William Langton and Sophie Fanshawe. Sir Euan Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe, Bt, was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in South Africa.

Mr I.G.L. Hogg and Miss E.C. Morgner
The marriage took place on Sunday, April 2, 1995, at Wesley United Church, Vienna, Virginia, of Mr Ian Hogg, only son of the late Mr and Mrs William Gibson Burnet Hogg, to Miss Evelyn Morgner, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Morgner.

A reception was held at the *bride's parents' Country Club in* Virginia. The couple now reside in Edinburgh.

Mr A. Smith and Miss H.J. Madaras
A service of blessing was held at St Peter's Church, Ardingly, West Sussex, following the marriage on Saturday, April 1, 1995, of Mr Alan Smith, of Balcombe, West Sussex, to Miss Helen Madaras, of Binfield, Berkshire.

The bride was attended by Emily Smith. Mr Ian Thompson was best man and the reading was given by Jonathan Smith.

A reception was held at Highley Manor, Balcombe.

Memorial services

Dowager Viscountess Wimborne
A memorial service for the Dowager Viscountess Wimborne will be held at St James's, Piccadilly on Tuesday, May 23, at 11.30am.

John Osborne
A memorial service for John Osborne will be held at St Giles-in-the-Fields off Charing Cross Road on Friday, June 2, at 11.30am.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: L C Hopkins - MOD London 25.8.95; R J Lippiett - Dryad 1.10.95; P M Malbon - JHQ Salisbury to serve in rank of Cdre 23.5.95; A F Masterton-Smith - Dartmouth BRNC 26.9.95; F B Mungo - MOD Bath 15.9.95; J F Rodley - Marlborough - 15.9.95; D J Thompson - Paris 28.7.95; C R Tuffley - Staff of 2SL/CNH 1.4.95; D A Wines - Staff of 2SL/CNH 1.4.95.

COMMANDER: J Blackett - Collingwood 22.9.95; S J Branch-Evans - Staff of 2SL/CNH 6.10.95; N J Cowley - Staff of FONA 30.6.95; M C Evans - Birmingham in Cmd 8.8.95; J K C Pearce - Staff of 2SL/CNH 1.4.95; C P Sherwin - Loan DRA Portsdown 1.6.95; D E Shone - RNH Gibraltar 30.6.95; M C P Snow - MOD London 3.11.95; J H Stanford - MOD London 18.8.95.

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CHAPLAIN: P J McBride - Neptune 21.6.95.

Retirements

COMMANDER: J A Bolger - 27.5.95; D C I Grimsdale - 6. 6. 95; G M J Irvine - 1.6.95

SURGEON COMMANDER: W R Esson - 28.6.95.

The Army

BRIGADIER: D W Montgomery - To be Comd 7 Armd Bde 9.4.95; A C Figgures - To HQ Land, 3.4.95; D M O'Callaghan - To MOD 3.4.95.

COLONEL: C P Woodhouse - to HQ KINGS Div, 3.4.95; J A Daniell - To HQ Land, 3.4.95

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AKERMAN - On 27th March 1995, to Biddy (née Arthur) and Hugo, a son, Mungo.

ALTINI - On March 30th 1995 at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey, to Tracy-Lynn (née Beeton) and Claudio, the gift of a beautiful daughter, Gabriella Nicole (7lbs 7oz).

DOHERTY/TOMLINSON - Agnes and Jon are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their triplets, Christopher John, Kathryn Louise and Andrew David, on 26th March 1995. Our thanks to the staff at St James' Hospital, Leeds for their excellent care.

PHILLIPS - On 31st March, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Alison (née Francis), and Richard, a daughter, Ella Rose.

RUSSELL-SHOWERING - On March 28th 1995 to Alan and Jane a son, 7lbs 11oz at 4.32 pm. A brother for Bertie. Jacob, Hermione and Leopold.

WILLIAMS - On March 28th, at St Thomas' to Jane and Nigel, a son, Charles Nigel, brother to Ralph and Ryan.

DEATHS

BUTT - On March 30th at St Wilfred's Hospice, Chichester, of mesothelioma, Captain Ronald Day Butt C.B.E., R.N. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at West Wittering Parish Church on 7th April at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to St Wilfred's Hospice, Chichester.

DAVIS - Cecil William, aged 95, peacefully at Christleton, nr. Chester, on March 30th. Formerly Civil Engineer and Surveyor to Ellesmere Port. Loving father of David, father-in-law of Pat and much loved grandfather of Susan and Andrew.

DEATHS

DOUGLAS - On March 28th 1995, Jack died peacefully in Warwick hospital. A Major (retired) of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. Dearly loved husband of Molly and beloved father of Mary and her husband Colin. Following a private family cremation a service of Thanksgiving will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon Avon on Thursday 6th of April, at 12 noon. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.' Family flowers only but donations if desired to Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regimental Association, C/O of AE Bennett and Sons, 34 Sheep Street, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 6EE

EVANS - On March 30th 1995, in hospital after much suffering. Held, widow of Stanley and loving and devoted mother of Michael. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Kingswood, on Thursday April 6th at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead.

FAULL - On March 27th, Richard, much loved husband of Belinda and loving father of Barnaby, Emma and Harry. Service at St Leonard's Church, Turners Hill, on Friday April 7th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

HICKMAN - Peacefully in hospital on 30th March, Denis Stuart of Churchill, Oxon., formerly of Nassau, Bahamas. Beloved husband of Jean, adored father of Tara, Rona and Anya and grandfather of Elliot and Edward. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Churchill, on Wednesday 5th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Juniper Ward, Horton Hospital, Banbury, Oxon.

DEATHS

MEAD - Tragically on 24th March 1995, John Charles, late of Sevenoaks Weald, dearest son of Phil and Sheila. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Sevenoaks Weald, on Friday 7th April at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations to National Schizophrenia Fellowship c/o Ord-Hume Funeral Services, 53A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2RS, tel: (01732) 365746.

WADSWORTH - Richard Elton, peacefully in hospital, loving and beloved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cowden, Kent, at 3 pm on Friday 7th April. No flowers please.

WRIGHT - On March 31st 1995, very peacefully at Glenside Manor Nursing Home near Salisbury, where she received most loving and compassionate care for several years, Elizabeth "Betty" (née Collier Green), aged 77, loved and loving wife of Francis. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium, 1.40pm Friday 7th April, followedby interment of ashes at Ebbesbourne Wake at a later date. Flowers to Newmans F/D, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury. (01722) 413136.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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TUNSTELL - On March 30th, 1995, peacefully in hospital, Philip Francis, aged 88 years, loving husband of Moira and devoted father of Adelaide, Moira, Philippa, Lorna and their families. Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady and St John R.C. Church, Goring-on-Thames at 1pm on Thursday, 6th of April. No flowers please but if request but donations may be sent to the Cardiac Unit Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London WC1N 3JH

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OBITUARIES

DAME LUCIE RIE

Dame Lucie Rie, DBE, potter, died on April 1 aged 93. She was born on March 16, 1902.



ALTHOUGH a student of the modern movement who wanted to make ceramics for everyday use, Lucie Rie was a potter whose bowls, vases and bottles were suffused with her individual, discriminating artistic sense. Over a period of more than 50 years she became one of the most admired modern potters and prices for her work soared. A Rie teapot sold at auction last December for £4,000 and a vase for £15,000.

Born Lucie Gomperz, the daughter of a Viennese doctor, she studied ceramics at the Vienna Kunstgewerbeschule in the 1920s under Michael Powolny, one of the artists who had introduced a more decorative and abundant element into the earlier more disciplined style of Josef Hoffman's Wiener Werkstätte. Although she benefited from his knowledge of ceramic chemistry, she had little in common with his whimsical style and from the start wanted to make the kind of pots that would belong in modern interiors. Indeed, she would have liked to have gone to the Bauhaus but, although she set up her own pottery in their house, her parents would not allow her to go alone to Germany.

She admired the spare, unadorned architecture of Adolf Loos and her own flat in Vienna was designed by her friend Ernst Plischke. Although tiny, the bare wood, built-in furniture and lack of patterning suited her temperament so well that she lived with it all her life, later rebuilding part of the interior above her studio in her mews house near Hyde Park.

The tenacity of her own taste is evident in her work. During the 1930s she won medals at international exhibitions in Brussels, Milan and Paris, but in 1938 left Austria and settled in London, where she again established a workshop. The European idiom, free of historical association, sparsely if at all decorated and relying on the qualities of glaze and surface texture for effect, was little understood or admired here. She was eventually introduced by Muriel Rose, owner of the Little Gallery, at that time the most influential craft gallery in London, to Bernard Leach, who then dominated British studio ceramics.

Lucie Rie spent a week with Leach at Dartington, where she learnt a great deal about throwing and kneading clay, but also lost much of her confidence in her own work. Nevertheless, she never compromised with her own judgment, and her postwar pots later marked a decisive break with the more rustic and oriental-inspired Leach tradition.

During the war Lucie Rie worked in a factory, adjusting optical instruments and afterwards made buttons, necklaces and ornaments for Fritz Lampl, also from Vienna. To her delight, these buttons have more recently been used by the Japanese couturier, Issey Miyake. In 1946, however, she was joined in this work by Hans Coper, a young German engineer turned painter and sculptor. Together they began to make pots once more. His work, while more sculptural and visually daring, borrowed from her mastery of surface texture, colour and mood, and his collaboration restored her confidence. Together they created a totally new idiom, initially making functional pieces such as tea sets and coffee services which were sold through Heal's and Henry Rothschild's Sloane Street gallery, Primavera, and then more abstract bowls and bottles.

Coper left in 1958 to set up his own workshop. Lucie Rie always held that he was the greater artist but her pots, severe yet lyrical, a constant refinement of her own mood and judgment, have their own powerful integrity which is seldom overshadowed. Her early work was in reduced earthenware, then later in stoneware, thrown with consummate skill on a Continental kick wheel, the glaze applied by brush to the raw clay and perhaps decorated with incised grafito decoration then fired in an electric kiln.

One of her most startling achievements was a rough pitted glaze which she first used in the 1930s. Its effect suggests a variety of natural minerals fashioned into potters' shapes — volcanic rock, coral, marble or alabaster, according to the coarseness of the texture or the shade. She achieved it by using a special clay to which she applied a glaze which exploded all over the surface during the firing. Lucie Rie worked in earthenware, stoneware and — most difficult of all — porcelain. Her porcelain is delicate and shaped with a Chinese sensitivity whereas her stoneware is interesting mainly for the variety of experiments she tried on the glazes which were sometimes omitted from parts of the vessels.

She worked slowly, starting with a new idea about every six months with a series of related shapes gradually evolving, each a variation on and refinement of another. Some were very small indeed. When the Takashimaya store in Tokyo planned a display of British pots to coincide with Expo 70, they asked Lucie Rie to contribute, in particular, a variety of sake cups.

Rie did not pretend to be a designer. Her pots "grew" on the wheel. In 1967 her work was the subject of an Arts Council Retrospective Exhibition. In 1981 the Sainsbury Centre of Visual Arts held a major exhibition of her work, which then went on to the Victoria & Albert Museum. In 1989, an exhibition of her work was acclaimed in Japan. When in her eighties, she was booked up for years ahead with commissions from all over the world, from museums and private collectors, for pots.

At the private view of the exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum few people even recognised the retiring, diminutive figure of the artist who, nevertheless, took great pleasure in watching the crowds admire her work.

In 1981 she was the subject of a notable television documentary, interviewed by David Attenborough at work in her studio, which perfectly captured her good humour and her enigmatic personality.

Rie's works were featured in museums around the world and are currently the subject of an exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

She was appointed CBE in 1981 and created DBE in 1991.

Always generous and hospitable — her home-made rock cakes were nearly as famous as her pots — she was nevertheless an intensely private woman who would charmingly shrug off any questions about her family, her marriage to Hans Rie (from whom she parted after she came to England and whom she divorced in 1940) or any other aspect of her personal life. She had no children.

ELIZABETH FERRARS

Elizabeth Ferrars, crime fiction writer, died on March 30 aged 87. She was born on September 6, 1907.

FOR more than 50 years Elizabeth Ferrars wrote literate and constantly enjoyable crime fiction. Her first detective story, *Give A Corpse A Bad Name* appeared in 1940 and she had not laid down her pen at the time of her death, giving her readers some 60 titles which appeared at almost yearly intervals. Among them were *Zero at the Bone* (1967), *Foot in the Grave* (1973) and *In at the Kill* (1979).

Born Morna MacTaggart in Rangoon to a Scottish father and an Anglo-German mother, she was educated at Bedales and at University College, London, where she obtained a diploma in journalism in 1928. In 1932 and 1934 she produced, under her maiden name, two novels, *Turn Simple* and *Broken Music*.

But it was at the time of her marriage (her second) in 1940 to the plant physiologist Robert Brown, later Professor of Botany at Edinburgh University, that she began the career that was to bring so much pleasure to so many, starting from a clever basic idea he had suggested to her. Even now on the library shelves there is always to be found a generous block of Ferrars titles. She was popular in America, too, where she was known as Elizabeth X. Ferrars, a pen-name adopted with quiet mischievousness when her publisher there insisted on a second initial.

In a note that must have been wrung out of her for the re-issue of *Give A Corpse A Bad Name* in 1981 — she was one of the few living authors who modestly declined to comment on their own work in the encyclopaedic volume, *Twentieth Century Crime and Mystery Writers* — she declared she had not "taken to crime" for the sake of portraying murders. "Descriptions of violence", she wrote, "have always repelled me and I do not think there is scope within the limits of a detective story to explore the mind of a criminal with any seriousness. But I have been writing stories since at least the age of six and if I did not write I should soon be very bored. I enjoy a good puzzle, good writing and original characterisation".

Her first half-dozen books featured a detective with a "Watson" who neatly reversed expectations by getting to the solution first but, she said once, "I found that I hated the two characters so desperately that I couldn't face writing another book about them". What she quietly arrived at in their place was not the clue-sprinkled story in the classic mode but crime novels, books in which the interest is primarily in the reactions of the characters to a crime situation, generally murder, in which they find themselves by chance embroiled.

The people to whom she made such things happen are always solidly real. They eat, they choose, if they are women, clothes, they have their share of nicely human quirks, such as the secret passion entertained by Professor Basnet, a man she entangled with murder on some five different occasions, for a piece of cheese first thing in the day. The situations they encounter often have, too, that blend of the ordinary and the unexpected, such as the young man stepping off the night mail from Edinburgh who inexplicably heard his name called out on the station loudspeakers. It could possibly happen to me, readers say, and then ask how they would react to this and all the subsequent shocks and surprises.

Crime novels of this sort depend, to a far greater extent than the detective story, on the solidities of real life, and Elizabeth Ferrars had an unfailing feeling for these.

It is this consciousness of what really happens in the world, combined with a wit that has brought to her books over the half-century that she has been writing them the gift of enduringness. The quiet enjoyment they bring is likely to last for many a year.

She is survived by her husband.

WING COMMANDER JAMES STORRAR

Wing Commander James Storrar, DFC and Bar, AFC, Second World War fighter ace, died on March 29 aged 73. He was born on June 26, 1921.



IN A remarkable wartime flying career which extended virtually from beginning to end of hostilities and involved him in over a thousand hours of combat flying, "Jas" Storrar shot down 15 enemy aircraft. He began with the RAF's first desperate battles against the Luftwaffe in the skies over the Dunkirk beachhead in the summer of 1940 and continued in the North African desert. Later he flew in support of the Normandy landings and subsequently was a fighter escort for daylight bombing raids, before ending the war commanding a fighter wing in Northern Italy.

James Eric Storrar was born into a family which has been in veterinary practice in Chester since the early years of the last century. He left Chester Grammar School at the age of 17 and with his mother's co-operation put up his age by a year so that he could apply for a commission in the Auxiliary Air Force. He was a natural pilot, rated "exceptional" during training, and after gaining his wings was posted to No 145 Squadron, then equipped with Blenheim bombers.

Fortunately it re-equipped with Hurricanes in March 1940, not long before the air battle with the Luftwaffe began in earnest, and it was in a Hurricane that Storrar scored his first combat victory. On May 23, 1940, with the German Army already rolling the British Expeditionary Force back to the Channel coast, he shot down an ME110 fighter and the next day got a Do17 bomber.

This early experience of combat over northern France against great odds stood him in good stead for the Battle of Britain. Indeed, by the time it began he was already an ace (five kills) having shot down several more German bombers as the Luftwaffe attacked shipping in the Channel in June and July. Towards the end of July he came up against his first Me109s, shooting down two in three days and earning his first DFC at the end of the month for nine individual combat victories and shares in several others. He was still only 19.

During the Battle of Britain he continued this rate of execution, on one occasion shooting down two Stukas in a day. Life expectancy was not high as the RAF's margins of serviceability were eroded by enemy attrition. Like so many young men of that time Storrar recalled: "I looked no further than breakfast the next day, of having a cup of tea and offering up a silent prayer."

In September 1940 he was transferred to 73 Squadron and, after a period with a Hurricane high altitude interception flight, was posted to the Western Desert. There, early in 1941, he destroyed a number of Italian aircraft on the ground as well as shooting down a Fiat CR42 biplane fighter. Flying from an airfield inside the perimeter of beleaguered Tobruk, he scored several more victories and was also once shot down.

When the Tobruk siege ended he had a "rest" period of test flying and ferry duty on the West Africa-Egypt air route, on one occasion having to force-land in jungle and make his way on foot to safety 70 miles away, contracting malaria in the process.

A squadron leader at the age of only 20, Storrar was given command of 65 Squadron in January 1943 and led it in fighter sweeps over France and the Low Countries shooting down one more Me109 and probably an Fw190 and getting his second DFC in October 1940. For the Normandy landings he flew a communications Hurricane, coordinating the tactical air support above the battlefield, and was one of the first Allied pilots to land in France after D-Day.

Early in 1945 he was given command of a wing of three Mustang squadrons and was engaged on escort duties of daylight bomber raids. The end of the war saw him in northern Italy, in command of 239 Wing of Mustangs. While in Italy he met his wife Winifrede (Freddie) who was a WAAF driver, and married her in Venice.

Though offered an extended commission at the end of the war he decided to follow in his family's footsteps and become a vet. He went to Edinburgh University to train in 1947, and, while a veterinary student, commanded the university's Auxiliary Air Force squadron, flying the latest marks of Spitfire and the first jet aircraft. His flying pay was a welcome supplement to his grant, the more so as, unlike many undergraduates, he had a wife to support.

After qualifying he returned to Chester to the family practice. A gentle, unassuming bear of a man, he was a familiar figure locally, driving his Jaguar with its registration letters JAS. He retired from practice in 1990.

He is survived by his wife and by three sons — the eldest of whom is a vet — and a daughter.

PROFESSOR PETER PRATT

Peter Pratt, Professor of Crystal Physics at Imperial College, 1963-92, died on March 2 aged 67. He was born on March 10, 1927.



PETER PRATT was a contributor to the golden age of materials research in the United Kingdom, a period in the 1950s and 1960s when Britain and America were leaders in developing a basic understanding of the behaviour of materials, and in the development of new, improved materials.

The movement was driven by the requirements of the nuclear power programme, defence and aerospace. From the late 1950s Pratt gathered around him a dynamic team of young scientists who made major contributions to understanding the mechanical properties and microstructure of non-metallic materials, particularly ionic solids and ceramics, and later to the behaviour of cement and concrete.

He also played an influential role in the development of advanced engineering ceramics. Throughout his career he maintained, as a hobby, an interest in historical aspects of materials, from metallurgical investigations in archaeology to the use of natural composite materials in the English long bow.

As Professor of Crystal Physics at Imperial College for thirty years, Pratt played an influential role in making materials science an important, interdisciplinary scientific subject. His career spanned a period when the Department of Metallurgy at Imperial College — recognising the increasing technological importance of non-metallic materials such as ceramics, polymers and cements — changed its name to the Department of Materials.

Peter Lynn Pratt was educated at Cheltenham College. After graduating with a first in metallurgy from Birmingham University in 1948 he moved to the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge to obtain his PhD. This was an exciting time for materials science. The idea that slip occurs by the movement of dislocations was first introduced in the mid-1930s by Taylor, Orowan and Polanyi and, after the war, rapid advances were made in understanding the detailed mechanisms of plastic deformation in crystalline solids.

At Cambridge Pratt embarked on the study of the plastic deformation of ionic solids, a topic which continued to provide the theme for much of his early researches and which led him into engineering ceramics. E. Orowan and Sir Lawrence Bragg were strong influences on his research at the Cavendish.

After completing his PhD in 1952 he moved to the Harwell Laboratory where he spent two years studying deformation and brittle fracture in hexagonal metals.

In 1953 Pratt returned to Birmingham University as a lecturer in the metallurgy department which was then led by Professor (now Sir) Alan Cottrell. There he was one of a number of young academics who, with Cottrell, developed the physics of metals and physical metallurgy into a rigorous scientific discipline.

Over a period of five years he worked on a range of topics but is probably best remembered for his recognition of the significance of the discovery by one of his students, Charles Newey (later Professor of Materials at the Open University), of charged dislocations of ionic solids, described in a classic paper by Eshelby, Newey, Pratt and Lidiard.

At the early age of 32 he became Reader in the department of metallurgy at Imperial College and in 1963 he was appointed Professor of Crystal Physics. His research group made considerable advances in ionic solids, ceramics, cement and concrete. He played a key role in the development of reaction bonded silicon nitride, an important material for high temperature applications.

Pratt was a good judge of research needs and of the quality of the research students that he recruited. As a research supervisor he gave his students free rein to pursue their own ideas. He saw his role as that of providing a framework within which good people would find their own sense of direction without over-supervision. This resulted in considerable self-reliance among his post-graduates. The world-wide network of his former students occupying key positions in academic and industrial organisations includes professors at Cambridge and Harvard.

In the late 1970s he began to study the complicated behaviour underlying the apparently simple and mundane materials, cements and concretes. He established unique experimental facilities and developed new techniques to study, for the first time, the evolution of microstructure of cement, mortar and concrete during the hydration process and to relate these observations to their mechanical performance.

His group rapidly established an international reputation in this field and he developed a long-term association in the UK with the Building Research Establishment and in the US with the NSF Centre for Advanced Cement-based Materials and the National Cement and Ceramics Laboratory.

He is survived by his wife Lydia and two sons.

Appointments in the Church

The Rev Andrew Howell, Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Facit, to be priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Smallbridge, and St James, Wardle (Manchester).

The Rev Stuart Huyton, Team Rector, Wombourne w. Trysull and Bobbington Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Little Aston (Lichfield).

The Rev Robert Instrell, Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Acocks Green (Birmingham): to be Chaplain to Northampton General Hospital (Peterborough).

The Rev Norman Jones, Team Rector, the Eccles Team Ministry: to be also Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Patricroft (Manchester).

The Rev Hilary Jowett, Chaplain with Central University Hospitals, Sheffield, and Assistant Curate, St Andrew, Sharrow: to be Assistant Curate, St Mark, Broomhill (Sheffield).

The Rev Lesley McCormack, Assistant Chaplain, West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, and Assistant Curate (NSM), Great Barton (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Chaplain of Kettering General Hospital (Peterborough).

The Rev Betty McNiven, Team Vicar, East Farnworth and Kearsley Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Clement, Spotland (Manchester).

The Rev Peter May, currently has permission to officiate, diocese Southwark and formerly Chaplain of Lyon, France (Europe): to be Team Rector, Horley Team Ministry, diocese Southwark.

The Rev Katherine Mundy, Industrial Chaplain with Church at Work (London): to be Resident Minister, All Saints and St Mary Magdalene, West Bromwich, and Industrial Chaplain, Black Country Urban Industrial Mission (Lichfield).

The Rev David Pollard, formerly in chaplaincy work in Spain (Europe): to be Vicar, St James, Doncaster (Sheffield).

The Rev Denis Samways, Vicar, Boosbeck w. Moorsholm: to be Rector, Kirby Misperton w. Normanby, Edstone and Salton (York).

The Rev Wendy Smith, Assistant Curate, Stoke on Trent Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar of that Team Ministry, w. particular responsibility for the District of St Paul's, Mount Pleasant (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Gill Sumner, formerly Vice-Principal of the Oxford Ministry Course, and now NSM, Kirtlington w. Bletchingdon, Weston-on-the-Green and Hampton Gay (Oxford): to be Local Ministry Officer, and Priest-in-charge (part-time), Holy Trinity, Wistanstow; St Michael, Cwm Head (Hereford).

The Rev Anthony Tooby, Assistant Curate, St Peter and St Paul, Warsop w. St Augustine, Sookholme: to be Associate Priest, St Giles and St Paulinus, Ollerton w. St Matthew, Boughton (Southwell).

Retirement

The Rev Simon Broughton, Vicar, Christ Church, Northampton (Peterborough): to retire as from April 30.

T.V. UNIVERSITY CLAIM ON PEAK HOURS

The Speaker took the Chair at 11 o'clock. Mr. Buchanan (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab.) moved a resolution calling on the Government to encourage the establishment of a university of the air in television and sound radio and, in the formal education of both children and adults, to sponsor a suitable television and radio service.

Mr. Chataway (Lewisham North, C.) said the first priority should be a more rapid development of local closed circuit systems. Locally controlled television had advantages over central control.

If the case for providing a fourth channel rested on the idea of a university of the air he did not think it was very strong. There was plenty of spare time on the existing channels for a considerable extension of national educational broadcasts.

Miss Lee — I hope the hon. member will not be too alarmed if I say that what I am now doing are a number of feasibility tests into the hours available, the cost, and the whole technical structure. Nothing will be put before the University Grants Committee until we have first looked into the feasibility tests.

The more they examined what was possible under the present set-up, the more obvious it became that ultimately, if there were to be degree courses on television, they would have to have some control over peak time.

There would have to be a leading corps of lecturers of the new age expert in their subjects but also having special expertise in broadcasting. She did not like the kind of cynicism and defeatism that she had found in some quarters in dealing with this project.

The motion was agreed to.

"University of the Air"

There is all the difference in the world between a policy and a gimmick, but the line was crossed too often in the House of Commons debate yesterday on a possible university of the air. The very term is an illusion in the sense that it holds out hopes that it cannot possibly fulfil. Nobody is questioning the value of television and sound broadcasting in education, nor the additional part that television can play in the future — particularly with closed circuit systems for schools, colleges, and universities. There are already a number of valuable developments of this nature, and there will certainly be many more. But to speak of a university of the air is to encourage hopes that the television viewer will be offered the range and depth of courses open to the university student.

This would be misleading nonsense. There is not the time available on television — even if a whole channel were devoted to education — to cover more than a fraction of the territory. This is still true allowing for the cooperation with radio and correspondence courses that the more realistic proponents of the scheme insist upon. There is also the question of cost. Would it really be a more sensible use of scarce resources to build up a grandiose project of this nature rather than to concentrate what is available upon supplementing existing systems of education?

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The University of the Air, now known as the Open University, has over 75,000 students. Jennie Lee, as Minister for the Arts, was responsible for its launch in 1969. The Times, in suspecting the project might be a "gimmick", showed a lack of judgment.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Clarke avoids tax cut pledge

■ *Kenneth Clarke was desperately trying to head off growing* Tory demands for a three-year rolling programme of tax cuts to cover the period before and after the next general election.

The idea is winning support among MPs, ministers and Tory strategists, and the party's backbench finance committee will urge the Chancellor to agree to a programme of £10 billion in tax cuts by 1998. *Mr Clarke was said to regard the proposal to* be no more than "an interesting submission" ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Portillo strains Euro truce

■ The Cabinet truce on Europe was strained when Michael Portillo said the Conservatives would have to take a line on a single currency in its next election manifesto. The Employment Secretary also said that he "absolutely, unequivocally" would not challenge the Prime Minister for the leadership..... **Page 1**

Cut-price Concorde

Civil servants pulled off the best *air fare deal of the year when* John Major and a party of 30 advisers crossed the Atlantic by Concorde for less than the cost of hiring a Boeing 747 ..... **Page 1**

Internet class

Plans to link all 1,800 primary schools in Wales to the Internet, the world information network, are to be announced by the Welsh Secretary ..... **Page 1**

Banks' job losses

The banking industry can expect a wave of job losses similar to those suffered by British manufacturing, the head of one of Britain's leading banks said... **Page 2**

Small is a winner

A musical with no special effects won five Olivier awards, beating off the challenge from *Oliver! She Loves Me*, which ran for only nine months when it first opened on Broadway in 1963, took the musical category awards for best revival, best director, best actor, best actress and best supporting performer ..... **Page 3**

Police stress

Five hundred Scotland Yard officers working on cases of child abuse are being screened for *stress risks* ..... **Page 4**

Fanscreens

Followers of 40 football clubs have launched computer "fanzines" on the Internet ..... **Page 5**

M25 battle

Trial measures to reduce delays *on the M25 will be announced by* Brian Mawhinney in an attempt to reassure motorists that he has not abandoned the battle against road congestion..... **Page 6**

Lonely Tories

The Conservative Party could be reduced to controlling only one council, East Renfrewshire, in Scotland after this week's local government elections..... **Page 6**

Mother's plea

The mother of the British-born man facing execution on Georgia's death row will fly to Washington to plead with John Major for her son's life ..... **Page 7**

South African rift

South Africa's Government was *heading for a serious rift after the* African National Congress rebuffed Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party and the National Party..... **Page 10**

Tragic decision

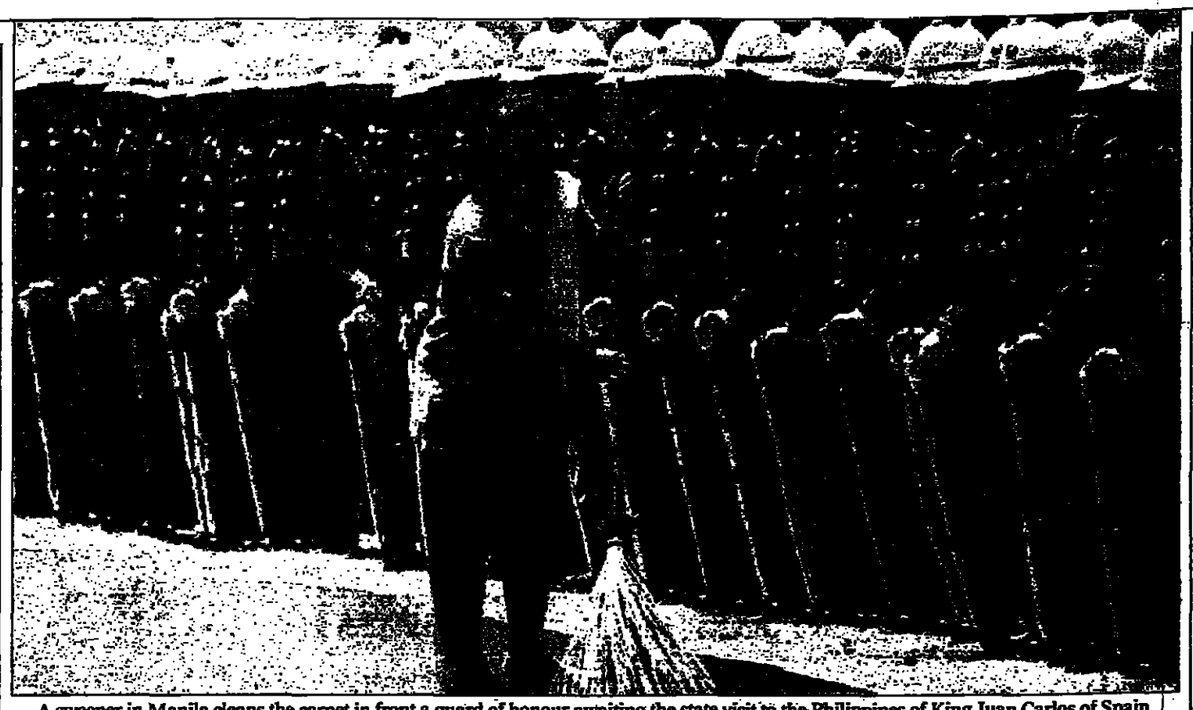
The father of Irma Hadzimuratovic, the wounded Bosnian child who died in her sleep in London, is trying to decide whether to bury his daughter in Britain or in Sarajevo..... **Page 11**

Chirac stumbles

Three weeks before France starts voting for a new President, Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist favourite, has lost his triumphal aura..... **Page 11**

Crazy 'Life with an Idiot'

■ Blunders ruined the British premiere of English National Opera's *Life with an Idiot*, transforming what should have been a disturbing satire into high farce. Twenty minutes after the curtain was supposed to rise final repairs were being made to the set. During the big shock scene, a harassed stagehand appeared and frantic shouts could be heard..... **Page 3**



A sweeper in Manila cleans the carpet in front a guard of honour awaiting the state visit to the Philippines of King Juan Carlos of Spain

BUSINESS

Rail deal: A raft of mainly foreign companies are queueing up to buy into the railway maintenance yards owned by British Rail ..... **Page 40**

Australian sell-off: British firms will be at the top of the list of overseas concerns who will be buying into the Australian privatisation programme..... **Page 38**

Missing out: British contractors could be left out of the scramble to win work on China's programme, which will create 22,000 miles of motorways..... **Page 40**

Job losses: So far this year 50,000 jobs have gone in Britain, says a survey by one of the country's biggest unions, contradicting Government figures that paint a far rosier picture..... **Page 40**

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Mystery illness: What links cannibalism in Papua New Guinea and brain disease in Britain? Hopes for a medical breakthrough..... **Page 14**

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Libby Purves: Reasonableness is breaking out all over as politicians hunt the quarry nicknamed Middle Britain ..... **Page 15**

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Seven steps: "The paucity of national debate about the future of education is startling." Michael Barber suggests a long-term action plan..... **Page 35**

Nightmare debut: The British premiere of Schnittke's fine and disturbing opera, *Life with an Idiot*, was a catalogue of disasters, not least of which was English National Opera's production .. **Page 13**

Covent Garden tribute: The Royal Ballet honours Stravinsky, the composer who has done more than anyone else for the history of 20th-century ballet ..... **Page 12**

Viennese visitors: *The Vienna* Symphony Orchestra under Nikolaus Harnoncourt, the man who rose from its ranks to become a pioneering figure..... **Page 13**

Showbiz tip: Those close to Cameron Mackintosh expect Jim Dale to succeed Jonathan Pryce as Fagin in *Oliver!* in September..... **Page 13**

Football: Steve McManaman scored two impressive goals for Liverpool to overcome a spirited effort by Bolton, of the Endsleigh League first division, in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley**Page 21**

Cricket: A collapse by the West Indies left them in danger of defeat in Barbados..... **Page 22**

London Marathon: Dionicio Cerón became the first man to win the race twice as he fought off a courageous challenge to gain victory by two seconds in a time just outside the course record ... **Pages 23, 31-32**

Premiership: Manchester United's grip on the FA Carling Premiership *title weakened yesterday with a 0-0* draw with Leeds ..... **Page 25**

Rugby Union: Rob Andrew, of Wasps, put paid to a charge by Leicester to ensure his team's appearance in the Pilkington Cup final against Bath ..... **Page 29**

Rowing: Even the influence of Dan Topolski could not lift the Oxford Boat Race crew, who suffered a third successive defeat at the hands of Cambridge ..... **Page 27**

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The neighbours from hell: people who go to law over the garden fence

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A Chinese puzzle

Mystery and official embarrassment have surrounded the fate of Wei Jingsheng ever since he was picked up a year ago by the Chinese police..... **Page 17**

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The questions asked by the Classical Associations of Scotland and England go back to the roots of our modern civilisation ..... **Page 17**

Sweaty folk festival

The London Marathon was upon us again yesteray: *although introduced only in 1981, it is hard to* remember the time when the city did not have this winding, sapping April run ..... **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The "good Europeans" are probably out of touch with public opinion, but even more dangerously their models of thought go back to when it took an office block to contain the computing power of one modern PC..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Mr Major's speech showed how difficult it is for long-serving incumbents to devise and present a fresh appeal. They are always constrained by their records... **Page 16**

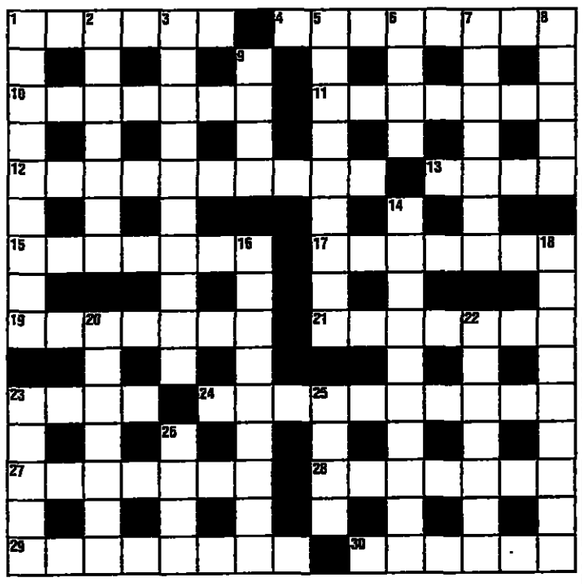
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The Prime Minister has to climb a huge mountain of public disenchantment if he is to keep his party in government. It would be unwise to count him out — *The Observer*

It is clear that the Spanish fishing fleet is not just plundering Canada. By its involvement in drug smuggling, *it is plundering Europe* — *Sunday Express*

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,818 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Southend,Gatwick,Heathrow 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.31in; highest sunshine: Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, 9.5h

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Sunny spells, occasional showers; mainly dry.

Western parts of England and Wales, especially coasts, will be cool and misty, perhaps with a little drizzle, while central and eastern areas have another mostly warm, dry and sunny day. Sea breezes may turn eastern coasts cooler in the afternoon.

Mainland Scotland and Northern Ireland will have considerable cloud, though some sunshine is likely in eastern districts. Western Scotland will have rain at times. The Northern Isles will be brighter, but colder with wintry showers.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, E, Central N, NE England, E Anglia, Midlands:** local mist at first, then sunny spells. Wind mainly west light. Local sea breezes later. Max 17C-19C (63F-66F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** mostly cloudy, perhaps drizzle on coasts. Wind west or southwest mainly light. Max 11C-13C (52F-55F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** rather cloudy but sunny intervals. Wind west or southwest light or moderate. Max 13-15C (55F-59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** mainly dry, sunny intervals. Wind mainly west light or moderate. Max 11C-13C (52F-55F).

☐ **Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll:** cloudy, rain at times. Wind west or variable mainly light. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** *rain or sleet* showers, locally prolonged at first. Wind northwest light or moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain at times in the northwest. Mainly dry in the south, though cloudier and rather cooler.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

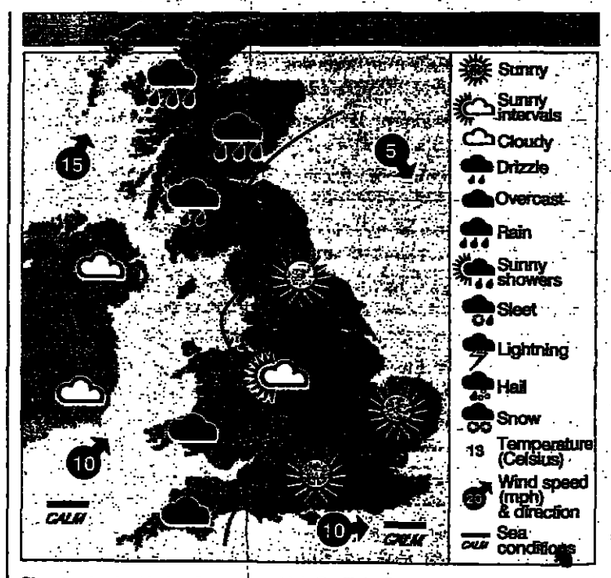
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	-	15	59	s	Lowestoft	9.1	-	22	72	s
Anglesey	1.1	-	9	48	c	Manchester	10.8	-	18	64	s
Aspatria	8.9	-	12	54	s	Margate	10.6	-	18	64	s
Aviemore	4.2	-	12	54	b	Minehead	X				
Belfast	10.1	-	17	63	s	Morecambe	4.9	-	10	50	b
Birmingham	9.5	-	18	64	s	Newcastle	9.4	-	16	61	s
Bognor R	1.4	-	11	52	c	Newquay	-	-	10	50	c
Bournem'th	1.1	-	11	52	c	Norwich	9.6	-	21	70	s
Buxton	10.1	-	16	61	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	0.3	-	9	48	c	Oxford	8.1	-	15	59	s
Clacton	9.6	-	18	64	s	Penzance	-	-	11	52	c
Colwyn Bay	10.1	-	15	59	s	Plymouth	-	-	9	48	c
Cromer	9.7	-	21	70	s	Poole	1.2	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	9.8	-	20	68	s	Prestatyn	X	-	14	57	s
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	10.1	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	1.6	-	10	50	c	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	6.6	-	13	55	s	Salcombe	-	-	11	52	c
Eskdalemuir	9.5	-	14	57	s	Sandown	1.0	-	11	52	c
Exmouth	1.9	-	13	55	c	Saunton Snd	-	-	10	50	du
Falmouth	X	0.02	11	52	d	Scarboro'	8.0	-	16	61	s
Fishguard	4.7	-	12	54	c	Scilly Isles	-	-	11	52	c
Folkestone	4.1	-	13	55	fg	Shanklin	1.5	-	10	50	c
Glasgow	4.0	-	13	55	s	Shrewsbury	X				
Guernsey	-	-	13	55	c	Skegness	8.8	-	20	68	s
Hastings	3.2	-	11	52	c	Southend	10.2	-	20	68	s
Hayling I.	1.9	-	11	52	c	Southport	9.9	-	13	55	s
Herne Bay	10.3	-	18	64	s	*Southsea*	1.0	-	11	52	c
Hove	0.7	-	9	48	c	Stornoway	-	0.01	10	50	c
Hunstanton	9.1	-	17	63	s	Swanage	1.5	-	10	50	c
Isle of Man	2.1	-	10	50	c	Teignmouth	4.0	-	13	55	b
Jersey	-	-	12	54	c	Tenby	-	-	10	50	c
Kinloss	3.5	-	12	54	s	Tiree	0.2	-	11	52	c
Leeds	10.4	-	19	66	s	Torquay	3.5	-	13	55	b
Lerwick	0.7	0.06	5	41	sh	Tynemouth	X	-	16	61	s
Leuchars	X					Ventnor	1.2	-	9	48	du
Littlehmptn	0.3	-	11	52	c	West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	10.2	-	15	59	s	Weymouth	-	-	10	50	c
London	10.0	-	19	66	s	These are Saturday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	16	61	s	C'phagn	6	43	r	Majorca	19	66	s
Alicnte	16	61	f	Corfu	15	59	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	16	61	c	Dublin	16	61	s	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	13	55	f	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dam	14	57	s	Faro	19	66	s	Mexico C	22	72	f
Athens	14	57	s	Florence	15	59	s	Miami	31	88	f
Bahrein	27	81	s	Frankfurt	17	63	s	Milan	19	66	s
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Montreal	-3	27	s
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	16	61	s	Moscow	2	36	c
Barcelona	19	66	s	Gibraltar	16	61	c	Munich	12	54	c
Beirut	16	61	f	Helsinki	3	37	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	8	46	c	Hong K	16	61	c	Naples	17	63	s
Berlin	13	55	f	Innsbrck	8	46	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bermuda	20	68	r	Istanbul	9	48	s	N York	10	50	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jeddah	31	88	s	Nice	15	59	s
Borde'x	18	64	s	Karachi	35	95	s	Oslo	9	48	f
Brussels	14	57	s	L Palmas	21	70	s	Paris	15	59	s
Budapst	11	52	c	Le Tquet	9	48	f	Peking	14	57	c
B Aires	21	70	c	Lisbon	21	70	s	Perth	28	79	s
Cairo	18	64	f	Locarno	23	73	s	Prague	11	52	c
Cape Tn	32	90	s	L Angels	18	64	f	Reykjavik	-1	30	sn
Chicago	4	39	c	Lyssambg	12	54	f	Rhodes	14	57	s
Ch'church	16	61	-	Luxor	27	81	s	Rio de J	30	86	f
Cologne	18	64	s	Madrid	19	66	s	Riyadh	30	86	s

Rome	15	59	s								
Salzburg	13	55	c								
S F'risco	14	57	s								
Santiago	28	82	s								
S Paulo	24	75	c								
Seoul	7	45	f								
Sing'por	33	91	f								
St'kholm	7	45	f								
Strasb'rg	17	63	f								
Sydney	22	72	s								
Tangier	19	66	f								
Tel Aviv	15	59	f								
Tenerife	22	72	s								
Tokyo	12	54	s								
Toronto	4	39	s								
Tunis	20	68	f								
Valencia	21	70	s								
Vanc'ver	11	52	s								
Venice	13	55	s								
Vienna	14	57	c								
Warsaw	7	45	c								
Wash'ton	11	52	s								
Wel'ngton	18	65	f								
Zurich	14	57	c								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: high G will decline and slip SE. Lows I and J should move N and slowly fill while low H fills in situ. High M will be slow-moving



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3:28	7.07	3:44	7.07	Leith	4:10	5.25	4:29	5.25
Aberdeen	2:58	4.04	3:18	4.10	Liverpool	0:45	8.99	1:02	9.05
Avonmouth	9:00	13.29	9:12	13.09	Lowestoft	11:07	2.32	11:24	2.39
Belfast	0:37	3.48	0:55	3.43	Margate	1:40	4.86	1:56	4.80
Cardiff	8:55	11.86	9:07	11.67	Milford Haven	8:00	6.69	8:11	6.60
Devonport	7:29	5.25	7:39	5.24	Newquay	6:49	6.63	7:05	6.51
Dover	0:35	6.58	0:55	6.38	Oban	7:22	3.83	7:28	3.85
Dublin	1:06	3.96	1:29	4.00	Penzance	6:22	5.25	6:40	5.16
Falmouth	7:00	4.94	7:17	4.94	Portland	8:28	1.97	8:42	1.99
Glasgow	2:28	4.73	2:50	4.53	Portsmouth	0:55	4.84	1:14	4.55
Harwich	1:26	3.94	1:44	3.84	Shoreham	0:55	6.14	1:13	6.02
Holyhead	--	--	0:05	5.35	Southampton	0:16	4.62	0:38	4.47
Hull	8:01	7.29	8:16	7.30	Swansea	8:10	9.32	8:29	9.16
Ilfracombe	7:47	6.77	7:59	6.71	Tees	5:22	5.10	5:37	5.11
King's Lynn	8:06	6.47	8:22	6.37	Wilton-on-Nze	1:18	4.12	1:38	3.98

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Sun rises: 6.33 am
Sun sets: 7.38 pm
Moon sets: 11.27 pm
Moon rises: 7.59 am

London 7.36 pm to 6.31 am
Bristol 7.46 pm to 6.40 am
Edinburgh 7.54 pm to 6.37 am
Manchester 7.47 pm to 6.37 am
Penzance 7.57 pm to 6.54 am

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McManaman, who won the Coca-Cola Cup for Liverpool, leaves Stubbs, of Bolton Wanderers, trailing on the way to scoring his first goal at Wembley yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Flying winger sparkles as Liverpool win Coca-Cola Cup

Magnificent McManaman

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By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

IN THE morning, London had bathed in sunshine, the sweat and valour of thousands of marathon runners, the spirit of man and woman; in the evening, we had the same spirit, the reminder that our national game can also have great spirit and conviction, but there was also an absolute young master, by the name of Steve McManaman, who can lift thousands — and indeed, by television, many millions — to live dreams.

McManaman won the Coca-Cola Cup final. That sounds ridiculous, for this was a final that reiterated all that has ever been said about the team game — it will sound even more ridiculous in Bolton, where they know their team from a supposedly lower division had at times outplayed, outpassed and out-thought the team that was to defeat them — but shed no tears for the game. It began in a carnival atmosphere, it ended with orchestrated firecrackers at the Liverpool end and then up the royal steps strode Ian Rush. He has played on the Wembley stage many times, he has won virtually all that the domestic game can offer, but now he was the captain, the first man to get his hands on the first footballing silverware of 1995.

He was sent up there by Roy Evans and if Bolton, with their seemingly unquenchable desire to win something, had to salute another, then, thankfully, it was Evans, for he, having spent his life at Anfield, having been a self-effacing member of the backroom staff, had taken over his club little more than a year ago and remarkably restored, in his first full season, so many of the tenets which made the Liverpool reds the true colour of English football.

Evans, in middle age, is almost desperately young by comparison with some of those managers whom he has served, but a more telling generation game was played as Liverpool rose to the royal box. There was Rush, 33, just having the legs to stay ahead of his team. Right behind him was McManaman, a full decade and a generation apart, ready to receive the Alan Hardaker Trophy for the man of the match. There, greeting them with the Coca-Cola Cup, was Sir Stanley Matthews, who turned 80 this year.

With football's family so complete, the afternoon owed us reparation for the ills that have attacked the game like a virus and, with 33,000 Lancastrians from each of the two clubs, we were to get it. The stadium had the setting of an omen. Liverpool's supporters, at the tunnel end, were bathed throughout in an arc of sunlight. Boltonians, here for their first significant Wembley outing since 1958, were cast in shade.

Yet equality ruled as soon as the game began. Bruce Rioch, who had shared England youth training with Roy Evans 30 years ago, has built Bolton into a passing side that does not believe itself to be second-rate. Certainly, they were not yesterday and, as both teams persisted in trying to pass their way through the other, we had an interesting, but largely unpenetrative, first 20 minutes.

However, Bolton were bold and it was to be Jason McAteer, born in Bootle, the same as Evans, who attempted to be the first man to really run at opponents from deep. His dynamism presented Lee with an opening on the half-hour, but, as James raced impetuously off his line, the winger tried too hastily to lob him and cleared the bar by a distance.

That was the prelude to three minutes which shaped the game and the ultimate result. In the 35th minute, following a throw-in by Phillips, young Thompson allowed the ball to bounce over his shoulder, half-turned and struck the ball with his right foot. For a left winger, sold for only £250,000 by Kevin Keegan, this was unusual, but as the ball gathered speed, aimed truly for the top corner of the net, James, with remarkable elasticity, sprang to his left and managed just to palm it onto his crossbar.

Three minutes later, McManaman's virtuosity ran through the white shirts. This sinewy, skeletal young Liverpudlian collected the ball 20 yards outside Bolton's area. He ran mesmerically, an angled run with the ball at his feet, and when Stubbs made a half-hearted tackle, when Green then came across to cover, McManaman simply pursued his instinct. He nudged the ball through the legs of Green, he saw the goalkeeper, Branagan, in two minds and he rolled the ball almost with a nonchalant caress wide of the keeper.

James, with his shaven head, was to escape another rush of blood. When he came off his line, McGinlay passed the ball into the area and Paatelainen shot a foot wide. The morale of Bolton was surging, their willpower was pushing Liverpool ever backwards and yet that is when the reds drew blood.

In the 67th minute, McManaman again broke free. This time, he paced down the left, cut inside Green, dodged away from Seagraves and, with his right foot, curled the ball tantalisingly close to Branagan. The keeper touched it, but still it nestled inside the far post.

It was all over, all bar the courage of the losers. Rioch had substituted Bergsson for Green and, within a minute, Bergsson was heading the ball into the danger area. Paatelainen flicked it on and Thompson scored. The former Newcastle player had his back to goal, but, this time, on the turn, he was to use his left foot and, this time, no goalkeeper, no acrobat, would stop him from claiming a consolation. The real consolation, the real joy, was in the sportsmanship with which McManaman, at the very end, ran to lift McAteer, the best of the Bolton opponents, off the lush turf at Wembley.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — S Green (sub: G Bergsson, 67min), M Seagraves, A Stubbs, J Phillips — D Lee, J McAteer, R Sneekes, A Thompson — M Paatelainen, J McGinlay
LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, J Redknapp, J Barnes, S-I Bjornebye — S McManaman — I Rush, R Fowler
Referee: P Don

Point proved to Anfield doubters

By Our Sports Staff

STEVE McMANAMAN, the two-goal Liverpool hero, said: "Give Bolton their due, they battled back in the second half like we knew they would. But it was a great team effort by our lads and I was just happy to get two goals like that.

"It's nice to get a win against them for a change but most of all we're pleased to have won a trophy again. A lot of people wrote us off at the beginning of the season but we've come back and won one of the three major trophies."

Ian Rush, the Liverpool captain, had no doubt where the plaudits should go for his team's success, saying: "Steve's goals were absolutely magnificent individual efforts and it's great for me to pick up a fifth medal. The great thing is that we are in Europe again next year, getting back to the old Liverpool tradition.

"It was Steve's day with two great individual goals. He was outstanding. I'm delighted to have five winners' medals myself — and I hope to get a sixth next year. I am delighted for the fans because we'd not won anything for a few years."

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, was more sober in his assessment of the victory, saying: "We did it the hard way today because I think we can play much better than that but there was a lot of commitment in the performance and two great goals which have put us back in Europe again and that's the big thing."

Bruce Rioch, the Bolton manager, paid tribute to his team of underdogs, who had beaten Norwich, West Ham and Ipswich on their way to the final. Rioch, strongly linked with Arsenal, who are still pondering over their manager for next season, said: "I'm very pleased with the boys. They have done very well. They never gave up. In the end, it was not quite enough but I've got to say I'm pleased for Roy Evans, who has done an excellent job for Liverpool."

☐ Howard Kendall yesterday described as "ruthless" his first managerial dismissal in English football, which came after just 12 weeks in charge at Notts County. The 48-year-old former Everton manager was sacked within an hour of the first division's bottom club's 3-1 home defeat by Barnsley on Saturday, mainly for "off-the-field reasons".

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14.9%	£2,000	£29.06	£29.91	£44.27
11.9%	£20,000	£261.61	£229.35	£426.96
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London in April, a cruel month for some



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

For Portuguese marathon runners, Oxford oarsmen and the father of the reserve Cambridge cox, it was not the best of sporting weekends. But for the rest of us, it was glorious — the sort of weekend that puts a spring in the step of outside broadcast units and gladdens the heart of BBC executive producers.

But let us spare a thought for the unfortunates for whom this weekend will never be recalled with a happy, sunny glow — Antonio Pinto and Manuela Machada, both of whom had the misfortune to lose their marathons in the final 385 yards and for the Oxford eight, which for the third year running lost a Boat Race in the first 385 yards. That just leaves the father of the reserve Cambridge cox and, if the truth be known, Barry Davies, for it is he, did not have that bad a weekend anyway.

His big moment came soon after Steve Rider handed over from amid a sea of waving beer glasses on the Putney embankment. Instantly, Davies brought a quiet dignity to proceedings, knowledgeably introducing each oarsmen. Richard Phelps, the Cambridge president, hove into the camera's view, a man who, according to Davies, admitted that the worst part of his job was telling people they were not in the boat. "One case in particular." The words hung in the air.

A few minutes later, Davies reached the Cambridge cox, Russell Slatford. "Last year he was de-selected. This year he's had a really cracking battle with Mark Davies, who this year became the unlucky man." For those who knew the story, it was an emotional moment. For those who did not, Davies's sympathetic colleagues were about to provide enlightenment.

Suddenly the normally sedate build-up to the Boat Race proper was interrupted by extended coverage of Goldie, the Cambridge reserve crew, demolishing their Oxford opponents, Isis. "At last, Mark Davies has been able to steer the course he wanted," said Barry Davies, his voice choking with the sort of emotion he normally reserves for the World Cup final. Chris Baillieu came to the aid of anyone still in the dark. "What Barry is too modest to say, is that Mark Davies is his son."

That little bit of Davies family history over, the BBC's coverage of the race proper got under way — and very good it was too. The helicopter camera provided superb coverage of the overlapping blades in the exciting early stages, while the one functioning onboard camera gave a splendid cox's view of the choppy conditions after Hammersmith Bridge.

Yesterday, of course, saw the same glorious conditions and the commentary baton passed seamlessly from Davies and Baillieu to David Coleman and Brendan Foster. Sue Barker dug out an old tracksuit to show she is an excellent replacement for the panting Bob Wilson, while the World Cup marathon winner, Richard Nerurkar, chased round the course on a motorbike. From a commentary point of view, all the angles were covered.

The same, however, could not be said of the pictures, with the mobile cameras clearly causing the director all sorts of technical problems. Rather too often it looked as if the choice of whether to go to the men's race, the women's or pursue the wheelchair athletes was dictated by which mobile camera happened to be working.

But the biggest problem, I suspect, lies largely outside the BBC's control. By starting at 9am, the elite women get 25 minutes of undivided coverage. The elite men, however, have to compete for coverage with the women, the wheelchair athletes and umpteen miles of fun-runners. This was particularly frustrating towards the end of the women's race, when the director had to choose between Sobanska's final push down Birdcage Walk, just as Moneghetti and Cerón started reeling in the unfortunate Pinto on the Embankment. There must be a better way.

Australia bowlers take command in first Test

West Indies on verge of humiliating defeat

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

AFTER going for 60 years without losing a Test match at Bridgetown's Kensington Oval, West Indies are on the way to being beaten there for the second successive time. Late on the third afternoon of this first Test match against Australia, they were 184 for 9 in their second innings, leading by only 33 runs.

The cricket Australia have been playing will have done more than any treatment to restore their team manager, Bobby Simpson, who is in a local hospital for a week, suffering with a thrombosis in the leg. A coach enjoys nothing more than to see his players doing the basic things with professional efficiency, and in this respect there has been no comparison between the sides.

As was the case when England won on the same pitch last April, with Fraser and Caddick taking most of the wickets, the occasional ball has moved about quite disconcertingly off the odd patch of mostly straw-coloured grass. Lara, for example, was out yesterday morning to one that lifted and left him and which a less good player would almost certainly have missed. Of the first 25 wickets to fall in the match, 13 went to catches at slip or by the wicketkeeper, sure evidence of lateral movement.

To play as safely yet as forcefully as Steve Waugh and Healy did on Saturday, while taking Australia to a crucial first-innings lead of 151, was wholly admirable. The consistently fuller, more searching length of Australia's quicker bowlers has paid off, and the difference between the two spinners, Warne and Hooper, is, of course, incalculable.

Warne bowled the first over yesterday and his seventh ball of the morning, a rank long hop in fact, was hooked hard and straight by Campbell into Steve Waugh's midriff at mid-wicket, some 25 yards from the bat. Two balls later there was an almighty commotion when the Australians thought Lara was caught off bat and pad by Boon. Warne's forward short leg. Having looked as though he was about to uphold their appeal, umpire Barker waved his hand in front of his face by way of dismissing it. The indignation of the Australians was not entirely convincing.

Lara, anyway, was gone within half an hour, as was Williams, both of them caught at the wicket off McGrath. Williams was slashing at something short and wide; Lara, though, got what to him was a fast, rising leg cutter. That was 31 for 3. When, at 57, Hooper drove Julian to deep mid-off at a comfortable catching height, the match seemed as good as over.

Richardson's only consolation was to find that he still possesses the game's most powerful and exotic square drive. Several times he left the covers standing with it. But in the last over before lunch he was bowled by Reiffel, aiming to clip a straight ball over mid-wicket, another wicket too lightly surrendered. Two off drives for four and six by Hooper, both in the same over from Warne, were the only other blows that West Indies had so far landed.

Until last month the highest partnership ever made for the seventh wicket in first-class cricket was on this ground in the corresponding Test match. With West Indies in similarly desperate straits against Australia, Denys Atkinson and Clairemonte Depeiza, both Barbadians, put on 347. That was a different sort of pitch, another sort of game. West Indies' immediate target now was to avoid an innings defeat and the indignity of losing with two days to spare.

The day was hot even for the Caribbean, the capacity crowd, apart from the Australians among them, were as much puzzled, I think, as subdued.

Adams, however, is a sticker, and Murray helped him to add 44 before going to a wonderful catch by Steve Waugh. Running back from short mid-wicket, Waugh just got to a huge steepler and held it falling forward and rolling.

McGrath, who had been alternating with Julian and Reiffel as Warne's partner, took the next three wickets, having Winston Benjamin leg before, Ambrose caught at mid-on and bowling Walsh.

West Indies were going down as though they were playing not in an important Test match but in a one-day international. They will find it hard to get back at Australia after this.

SCOREBOARD FROM BRIDGETOWN

WEST INDIES: First Innings 195 (B C Lara 65, C L Hooper 60; B P Julian 4 for 36)

Second Innings

S L Williams c Healy b McGrath	10
S Campbell c S R Waugh b Warne	6
B C Lara c Healy b McGrath	9
C L Hooper c Reiffel b Julian	16
*R B Richardson b Reiffel	35
J C Adams not out	38
†J R Murray c S R Waugh b Warne	23
W K M Benjamin lbw b McGrath	26
C E L Ambrose c Blewett b McGrath	6
*C A Walsh b McGrath	4
K C G Benjamin not out	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 8)	9
Total (9 wkts)	184

FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-25, 3-31, 4-57, 5-91, 6-135, 7-170, 8-176, 9-180

Bowling figures unavailable

Umpires, L Barker (West Indies) and S Venkataraghavan (India) TV replay umpire H Moore (West Indies).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater c Williams b W K M Benjamin	18
*M A Taylor c Hooper b K C G Benjamin	55
D C Boon c W K M Benjamin b Walsh	20
M E Waugh c Murray b Ambrose	40
S R Waugh c Murray b K C G Benjamin	65
G S Blewett c Murray b Ambrose	14
†I A Healy not out	74
B P Julian c K C G Benjamin b Hooper	31
P R Reiffel b W K M Benjamin	1
S K Warne c Adams b Walsh	6
G D McGrath b W K M Benjamin	4
Extras (lb 3, nb 5)	18
Total	348

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-72, 3-121, 4-166, 5-194, 6-230, 7-290, 8-291, 9-331.

BOWLING Ambrose 20-7-41-2, Walsh 25-5-78-2, K C G Benjamin 20-1-84-2, W K M Benjamin 23.2-6-71-2, Hooper 12-0-69-1

GILL ALLEN



McGrath captures the wicket of Williams

Becker lifts Germany into semi-finals

BORIS BECKER secured a semi-final showdown between Germany and Russia in the Davis Cup tennis competition when he beat Richard Krajicek, of Holland, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 in Utrecht yesterday. As the 27-year-old gave his country a 3-1 quarter-final winning lead over Holland with victory in the opening reverse singles match, Yevgeny Kafelnikov did likewise for Russia, triumphing over Wayne Ferreira in straight sets in Moscow to see off South Africa.

With the United States and Sweden having booked their semi-final meeting, the world No 2, Andre Agassi, pulled out of the final singles match against Renzo Furlan, of Italy, in Palermo with a bad back. Jared Palmer, normally a double player, defeated the Italian 6-4, 6-3 to give the Americans a 5-0 quarter-final whitewash.

Varsities view Vase

FOOTBALL: Officials of Oxford and Cambridge Universities have discussed the possibility of entering a combined team for the FA Challenge Vase, in a potential revival of Pegasus, twice Amateur Cup winners in the 50s (David Miller writes). The indifferent quality of this year's University match at Craven Cottage on Saturday, indicated an urgent need to improve standards. It is doubtful if a club team could meet financial and ground requirements for the Vase but a test fixture is proposed. Oxford's 1-0 victory was secured when Richard Washington scored the only goal from a corner after six minutes.

Cleland snatches lead



MOTOR SPORT: John Cleland, right, and Rickard Rydell took first blood in the 1995 Auto Trader RAC British touring car championship yesterday, each enjoying untroubled victories in the opening rounds at Donington Park. Cleland, the 1989 champion, driving a Vauxhall, leads the series after a victory and a second place behind Rydell, the Swede, in a Volvo.

Whitaker fails in Paris

EQUESTRIANISM: Roger-Yves Bost gave French spectators a home victory in Paris in the last Volvo World Cup qualifier before next month's final in Gothenburg. Michael Whitaker, with the disadvantage of going first in the 13-horse jump-off, failed to pressurise the field when Everest Twostep lowered the penultimate fence to finish ninth. Nick Skelton finished tenth with Everest Dollar Girl.

Bracknell in trouble

ICE HOCKEY: Bracknell Bees, beaten at home by Paisley Pirates and in midweek by Slough Jets, will be hard-pressed to retain their premier division status. Milton Keynes Kings are in similar trouble after their loss to Telford Tigers. In the play-offs, Fife Flyers are the only side to have won their first two games, while Durham Wasps and the champions, Sheffield Steelers, are still searching for their first win.

Cyphers slide out

BOWLS: Cyphers, skipped by the world indoor singles champion, Andy Thomson, and Cambridge Park, skipped by Wynne Richards, suffered unexpected defeats in the Manchester Unity national indoor fours championship yesterday. Cyphers, who have won the title six times, were beaten 19-12 by Leicester in the quarter-finals, while Cambridge Park lost 23-18 to Ipswich in the semi-finals.

Spaniard loses top spot



TENNIS: Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, right, from Spain, will forfeit her place at the top of the world rankings as a result of the ankle injury that forced her to withdraw from the Family Circle Magazine Cup in Hilton Head, South Carolina. She will be out of action for around three weeks after sustaining the injury while qualifying for the quarter-finals, from which she scratched.

Speed record falls

POWERBOATING: Charles Burnett III, of the United States, broke the world record for Class II offshore powerboats on Lake Windermere at the weekend with a final speed of 135.78mph. He had previously set the record last year with a figure of 124.04mph. On Saturday, he sped over the lake in his 28ft Skater catamaran at 128mph and then continued until he had broken his target of 130mph.

Stearn sinks Wales

LACROSSE: Di Stearn, the newly-appointed England captain, who has played in three World Cups, scored four goals in her first game as captain when England defeated Wales 11-5 in the first home international of the season at Cardiff on Saturday. Wales fielded a mother and daughter as Vivien Jones collected her 82nd cap and her daughter, Sara, received her first.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Hugh Kelsey, who died a fortnight ago aged 69, was the author or co-author of more than 40 books on bridge. He played for Scotland 12 times and won the Gold Cup (the premier British team event) twice. He was the bridge correspondent of *The Scotsman*. Several of his books have become classics, including *Killing Defence* and (with Michael Glauert) *Bridge Odds for Practical Players*. His book with Geza Ottlik, *Adventures in Card Play*, describes the most difficult hands I have ever come across in a most approachable way. The hand today is from his book *Deceptive Plays in Bridge*.

Dealer South — **Love-all. Rubber bridge**

	♠8 6 5 ♥7 5 ♦Q J 8 4 ♣Q 9 6 2	
♠K 9 4 ♥K 10 8 6 2 ♦9 5 ♣K 8 3	N W E S	♠A 10 7 3 2 ♥J 9 3 ♦10 6 2 ♣7 4
	♠Q J ♥A Q 4 ♦A K 7 3 ♣A J 10 5	

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: Six of hearts

South opens 2NT and North raises to 3NT. When West leads a heart to East's jack, the declarer's only genuine chance is to win the queen of hearts, cross to dummy with a diamond and take a club finesse. By then, though, West will be able to tell that South has ace and queen of hearts, ace-king of diamonds and the ace-jack of clubs. As this will give him nine tricks if West plays passively, West will switch to a spade.

The declarer can divert West from the killing switch by winning the first heart with the *ace*. When West wins the king of clubs, he will place his partner with the queen of hearts, and so continue with a low heart, enabling South to score the queen for his ninth trick.

Note that winning the first heart with the ace is quite safe — all it can ever cost is an overtrick. If the club king is onside, the declarer still has nine tricks — one heart, and four in each minor.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

London tournaments

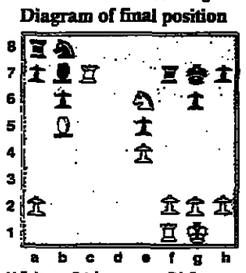
Chris Dunworth has organised another international standard tournament in London. He has established himself as the most active impresario for tournaments of international master level and his events create experience for young British players. A feature of the events is the bloodthirsty chess, often leading to attractive finishes, as in the two games which follow.

White: Summerscale
Black: Holland
St Peters de Beauvoir Tournament, London 1995

Grunfeld Defence

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	Nc3	d5
5	e3	0-0
6	Be2	c5
7	dxc5	Qa5
8	cxd5	Ne4
9	0-0	Nxc3
10	bxc3	Qxc5
11	e4	Qxc3
12	Rb1	b6
13	Bb2	Qc5
14	Bxg7	Kxg7
15	Qd2	Bb7
16	Ne5	f6
17	Nf3	e5
18	dxe6	Qe7
19	Rbc1	Rd8
20	Qf4	Qxe6
21	Rc7+	Rd7
22	Nd4	Qe5
23	Qxe5	bxe5
24	Bb5	Rf7
25	Ne6–	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White's 24th move, Bb5, was brilliant. The idea is that after 24. Bb5 Rxc7; 25. Ne6+ followed by Nxc7, White makes a decisive gain of material.

White: Olesen
Black: Britton
St Peters de Beauvoir International, 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	c3	d5
3	exd5	Qxd5
4	d4	Nf6
5	Nf3	Bg4
6	Qa4+	Nc6
7	Bc4	Qd7
8	dxc5	Bxf3
9	gxf3	e6
10	b4	Be7
11	Be3	Nd5
12	Bxd5	exd5
13	Nd2	Bf6
14	Rc1	0-0
15	h4	Rfe8
16	Qb3	d4
17	cxd4	Nxd4
18	Qc4	Rxa3+
19	be3	Bh4+

White resigns

Defiant Conner staring at defeat

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

DENNIS CONNER faced being knocked out of the America's Cup yesterday without getting through to the finals for the first time in more than two decades. The Cup master, who has either defended or challenged for the sporting world's oldest trophy a record five times since acting as starting helmsman aboard Ted Hood's winning 12-metre yacht *Courageous* in 1974, was one loss away from being eliminated from the semi-finals of the Citizen Cup defence trials.

His potential demise last night at the hands of Leslie Egnot's women's crew on *Mighty Mary* came about after the race jury ruled that the keel change made to his yacht *Stars & Stripes* a week ago had been illegal. That change had been forced on Conner after the 20-ton lead bulb on *Stars & Stripes* came perilously close to falling off midway through a race and was deemed "dissimilar" to the keel it replaced. And the difference? Seven millimetres.

After a week of claims and counter arguments, it transpired late on Saturday that the *Stars & Stripes* replacement keel fell less than a finger thickness short of the yacht's former four-metre draft measurement. Just as ironically, all that was required to save his $15 million campaign was one simple screw. "If they had put a self-tapping screw into the bulb at the point of measurement, that would have sufficed," John Doerr, the jury chairman, confided yesterday.

Instead, Conner's yacht was stripped of her one-point win against *Mighty Mary* last Tuesday and forced into a re-match against Bill Koch's women's team yesterday. If his team lost, he was out of the Cup. If he won, then Conner would face a final showdown today.

Conner, however, was not going down without a fight, for he has posted his own protest against Kevin Mahaney's rival yacht, *Young America*, which has already won a place in the defence finals. "We think they have re-optimised their boat during a no-change period," Jim Brady, Conner's navigator, said after *Stars & Stripes* lost to *Young America* on Saturday.

"They appear to be much faster upwind and slower downwind which suggests that they have made an appendage change," he added in the hope that the jury might reverse the race order and give Conner's men a second chance of survival.



Conner: fighting on

AMERICA'S CUP: Citizen Cup: Defence semi-finals: Young America (B Nelson) bt Stars & Stripes (D Conner), 52sec. Overall standings: 1, Young America 9 wins, 1 defeat; 2, Mighty Mary (L Egnot) 3, 4; 3, Stars & Stripes 2, 6.

☐ Eleven solo yachts including Niah Vaughan and Robin Davie, the British sailors, set out from Punta del Este, Uruguay, yesterday to complete the final 6,000-mile stage of the BOC Challenge round-the-world race back to Charleston, South Carolina. The start was delayed by gale force winds for 24 hours.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CLASSICS

CECROPS
a. A Titan
b. A two-faced giant
c. Founder of Athens

CARNEADES
a. A lost play of Euripides
b. A Greek philosopher
c. An Athenian tribe

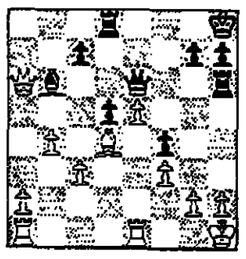
AMMON
a. A town in Syracuse
b. A Carthaginian admiral
c. The Egyptian Zeus

SYNECDOCHE
a. The Spartan war council
b. A part for whole
c. The heuristic method

Answers page 24

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Chekhover - Lutikov, USSR 1951. The key to this position is the unprotected state of the white queen on a6. How did Black exploit this?

Solution: page 24

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Lech	175	380	good	heavy	slushy	sun	7	1/4
(Warmer weather; good snow cover but heavier low down)								
Obergurgl	70	175	good	varied	good	fine	5	1/4
(Pistes well covered and skiing well; no queues)								
Schladming	30	190	fair	heavy	fair	rain	9	2/4
(Rain causing deterioration low down, upper runs fine)								
St Anton	100	540	good	varied	good	fair	1	1/4
(Spring conditions developing with warmer weather)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	280	480	good	heavy	good	sun	-1	29/3
(Excellent snow conditions on all pistes; lovely weather)								
Les Arcs	175	440	good	crusty	good	sun	5	29/3
(Typical spring conditions; plenty of snow)								
Val d'Isère	185	380	good	heavy	good	sun	6	29/3
(Glorious spring skiing under hot, sunny skies)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	145	180	good	heavy	good	fine	7	1/4
(Pistes in superb condition; good sunbathing weather)								
Grindelwald	50	290	good	varied	slush	fine	8	1/4
(Good spring skiing; weather warm and sunny)								
Mürren	120	270	good	varied	fair	fine	8	1/4
(Still plenty of snow; good skiing above 2,000 metres)								
Wengen	60	240	good	varied	good	fine	9	1/4
(Generally excellent but low south slopes heavy)								
Zermatt	90	340	good	varied	good	sun	4	29/3
(Excellent spring skiing continues; pistes in good shape)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.



Mexican triumphs for second year running as Pinto fades after setting fierce pace



Sobanska celebrates her moment of triumph in the women's race

London streets paved with gold for Cerón

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

ANTONIO PINTO sat back in his chair and smiled, seeing the funny side. "It happens," he said. What else could he say? He had failed to heed his own advice and paid dearly in the most absorbing race in the 15-year history of the London Marathon.

Beforehand, Pinto had warned Dionicio Cerón and Steve Moneghetti that, if they went off at sub 2hr 08min pace, as they said they might should conditions be favourable, he would "follow them with a sack and put them in as I go past". He forgot his sack, but Cerón and Moneghetti had theirs.

At 16 miles, Pinto, the 1992 London champion, from Portugal, was 31 seconds clear, his comment forgotten as he burned up the roads inside world best pace of 2hr 06min 50sec; at 20 miles, he was 62 seconds clear, still running at 2hr 07min 15sec pace.

Moneghetti, the Commonwealth champion, from Australia, had given up thoughts of winning, but Cerón, the defending champion, from Mexico, had not. He took up the chase, dropping all but Moneghetti, and together they set off in pursuit of Pinto.

"Off the cobblestones we were smoking," Moneghetti said, recalling the 23rd mile, past the Tower of London. For almost three more miles, Pinto kept his lead, but Cerón and Moneghetti had him in their sights and, into the last mile, they went by.

Pinto tucked in behind the new leaders, but it was a token gesture, lasting no more than a quarter of a mile. As they approached the turn into The Mall for the final furlong, Cerón was two strides ahead and he held on to become the first man to win the London race twice. With a time second only to Steve Jones's course record of 2hr 08min 16sec, Cerón recorded 2hr 08min 30sec. Moneghetti followed two seconds later for the closest London Marathon finish, barring that in the inaugural year, when Inge Simonsen and Dick Beardsley crossed the line together by agreement. Pinto recorded 2hr 08min 48sec, the first occasion that three runners had beaten 2hr 09min in London.

Cerón said that he had always been confident that Pinto would come back. The Mexican's performance demonstrated why NutraSweet, the race sponsor, parted with some $200,000 (£133,000) to ensure his participation. In all, with prize-money and bonuses, Cerón collected some $280,000, the biggest pay-day for one athlete competing in Great Britain.

He is a businessman first, an enthusiast second. None of Cerón's family came to support, while Moneghetti, a consultant for the Victoria State Education Department, had with him his wife, daughter and parents. "Why would you take your wife to work?" Cerón had asked on hearing that the Moneghettis had arrived *en masse*. "I have a job at home and this is just a hobby," Moneghetti responded.

This was the second successive London Marathon in which domestic runners have failed to make the top three. Paul Evans and Liz McColgan, both fifth, were the highest placed. Still no Briton has broken 2hr 10min in any marathon for six years. Evans almost duplicated his previous best, his fifth place in London in 1992, when he ran 2hr 10min 36sec. He was fifth again, but five seconds faster.

McColgan's performance fuels the doubt over whether she can make her mark at world level again. A former 10,000 metres world champion, her move to the marathon has not been convincing. Yesterday, she was out of the running before halfway. After her winning debut in New York in 2hr 27min 32sec, each of her three marathons has been slower than the last. Yesterday, she slipped to 2hr 31min 14sec.

Katrin Dorre, from Germany, the winner for the last three years, was seventh. Neither Dorre nor McColgan had mentioned Malgorzata Sobanska as a threat, and the new champion, from Poland, astonished even herself. "I am surprised to beat McColgan, Dorre and [Manuela] Machado," Sobanska said.

Machado's front-running went unrewarded as the Pole pulled away in the last mile to record 2hr 27min 43sec. Machado, from Portugal, followed ten seconds later. Ritva Lemettinen, of Finland, was third in exactly 2hr 28min. She would not have been running but for the earthquake in Kobe, which struck when she was in her hotel room on the fourteenth floor. The Osaka Marathon, her reason for being in Kobe, was cancelled and she came to London. "I thought my life was over," Lemettinen said.

She said she would dedicate her run to the people of Kobe. Would she be sending them some of her $27,500 London earnings? Her manager stepped in to prevent a hasty decision: "We are thinking about that," he said.

TOP THREE

Men

1. D Céron (Mex), 2:08.30
2. S Moneghetti (Aus), 2:08.33
3. A Pinto (Por), 2:08'48

Women

1. M Sobanska (Pol), 2:27.43
2. M Machado (Por), 2:27.53
3. R Lemettinen (Fin), 2:28.00

PHOTOGRAPHS: MARC ASPLAND



A delighted Cerón becomes the first man to win the event twice

Love fighting hard for his place at Augusta

From John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent
in New Orleans

FOR Davis Love III, the final round of the Freeport-McMoRan Classic golf tournament at English Turn represented the last chance to get into the Masters. For José María Olazábal it was an opportunity lost for some much-needed competitive practice.

Love, whose record in major championships is the worst of any leading American player, was making a brave attempt to do what he had to do, namely win the tournament. Knowing there would be no more chances if he came second or worse, Love sank a ten-foot putt on the 18th green in near darkness on Saturday night for a 66 to give him a one-stroke lead after 54 holes.

Love was 13 under par after rounds of 68, 69 and 66. It was a courageous display because he had been under pressure from the moment he arrived in Louisiana. "Every time I hit a good shot the fans shout 'we're off to Augusta'," Love said. "I don't know where they're going to get the tickets."

Ian Woosnam, the champion here in 1991, was six under par and Sandy Lyle, inching his way towards some semblance of form, was four under.

Olazábal, however, had cooked his own goose, missing the cut by one stroke, leaving him free to head for Georgia and furious practice for his defence of the title he won by two strokes last year. There was another item on Olazábal's agenda, too — organising the menu for the champion's dinner on Tuesday night. He wanted hake, which is a Basque favourite, but had to settle for sole.

Olazábal's form is below its best, which is not surprising as he has played only 14 rounds since he had an operation on the big toe of his right foot at the end of January. He desperately needed to play *four rounds at English Turn to* acquire more match practice and to be able to put in some time on the driving range. Instead he was left rueing his lack of golf and cooling his heels as heavy rain interrupted the tournament.

"What a disastrous week this has been," he said on Friday night. It was a complete contrast to last year when he was pipped by Ben *Crenshaw and travelled to the* Masters with his nerve strong and his confidence high.

Perhaps the worst aspect of Olazábal's game at present is his putting, which being a combination of touch and nerve is often the department of a player's game that suffers from a lay-off. In his second round, a 71, Olazábal had six chances from inside ten feet and missed them all.

By tradition, the greens at Augusta are a fierce examination of nerve and skill. Only those at Oakmont, where the US Open was held last summer and where Olazábal also missed the cut, are comparable.

Johnny Miller calls the Masters the Augusta spring putting championship. For Olazábal to go there short of practice and without complete confidence in his putting *stroke is akin to tying a ball* and chain around his foot.

His lack of preparation this year is reminiscent of when Nick Faldo was defending his second title in 1991. That year Faldo determined to start sparingly, to be at his peak for the Ryder Cup in the late summer and all those autumn jamboree events that offer such large prize-money.

The policy backfired spectacularly when he missed the cut in one US event prior to the Masters and all four rounds at another event in Houston, which were washed out. Thus Faldo arrived at Augusta having played fewer than ten *competitive rounds since the* start of the year.

It says something for his determination that he managed to overcome this rustiness to finish in a tie for twelfth, four strokes behind *Woosnam*. Olazábal will be doing well if he can match Faldo in this respect.

LEADING SCORES AFTER FOUR ROUNDS

United States unless stated

203: D Love 68, 69, 66. 204: S Jones 69, 69, 66. 205: D Peoples 70, 69, 66. 206: C Parry (Aus) 71, 69, 66; M Bradley 68, 71, 67; M Wiebe 70, 68, 68. 207: L Clements 69, 69, 70. 208: G Krall 70, 71, 67; B Bryant 65, 74, 69; B Mayfair 67, 71, 70; J Maggert 72, 66, 70; J Parnevik (Swe) 71, 67, 70; M Heinen 66, 71, 71. 209: F Couples 73, 66, 68; W Austin 68, 71, 70; J Adams 69, 69, 71; B Claar 68, 70, 71; S Simpson 68, 70, 71. 210: K Triplett 66, 73, 71; I Woosnam (GB) 70, 69, 71; F Funk 70, 72, 68; M Reid 68, 69, 73; J Ozaki 73, 70, 67. 212: G Waite 68, 72, 72; J Wilson 72, 69, 72; D Martin 69, 71, 72; A Lyle (GB) 69, 72, 71; T Loustalot 71, 71, 70; M Wurtz 68, 70, 74; T Sills 71, 71, 70; G Day 69, 74, 69. 213: John Mahaffey 70, 70, 73; D Briggs 69, 71, 73; R Black 66, 75, 72; M Allen 72, 67, 74; S Lowery 73, 68, 72; D Pooley 67, 75, 71; J Leonard 69, 73, 71; R Gamez 71, 71, 71; K Gibson 70, 68, 75, S Gotsche 73, 69, 71; *K Clearwater 74, 69*, 70. Other scores: 220: D Feherty (GB) 70, 73, 77.

Teddington pioneers win on goal difference

By Sydney Friskin

TEDDINGTON, pioneers of the modern game of hockey, won the national league championship yesterday on goal difference after finishing with the same number of points as Reading. Cannock fell back in the race with a 2-2 draw against Havant on *Saturday*.

Teddington's 4-2 win over East Grinstead at Saint Hill yesterday was followed by a half-hour wait before it was learnt that Reading, who had beaten Stourport 5-1, had not *done enough*. Neil Campling, Teddington's manager, described it as the longest half-hour of his life.

Phillip McGuire put Teddington ahead by converting a penalty stroke in the fifth minute. Three minutes later, Head levelled for East Grinstead, starting a run on the right and finishing it with a well-taken goal after combining with Gibson.

Teddington struck again in the fourteenth minute with a goal by Way from their third short corner, and 11 minutes later Billson took advantage of a muddle in East Grinstead's defence to score the third goal. McGuire added the fourth from a short corner a minute before the interval. East Grinstead retaliated in the 57th minute with a short corner which led to a penalty stroke and Barnes made no mistake from the spot.

Cannock finished in third position with a 9-0 victory over Firebrands who, along with Slough, will be relegated to the second division next season. In Saturday's match against Havant, Cannock led twice and failed to capitalise on 13 short corners. Goals by Kalbir Takher and Mayer for Cannock were answered by Bartlett and Pattison.

Reading had a scare at home on Saturday when Morrison scored for Old Loughtonians. The scores were level at 2-2 at half-time but Reading went on to win 6-4. And Barford Tigers gained promotion to the first division after a 1-1 draw with Doncaster.

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Davis pulls through marathon struggle

By Phil Yates

STEVE DAVIS needed longer to reach the second round of the Castella British Open snooker tournament in Plymouth yesterday than many runners took to complete the London marathon course. The former world champion required three hours 39 min*utes to beat Paul Davies 5-4.*

Five months ago Davis easily overcame the same opponent 9-2 at the corresponding stage of the United Kingdom championship and when he established a 3-1 lead in the rematch, another comfortable victory looked the most likely outcome.

However, Davies, the world No 55, from Cardiff snatched the fifth frame on the black with a 49 clearance before drawing level at 3-3 with a 67 break in the next after Davis, 33-0 ahead, had surprisingly missed a pink.

The following two frames were shared but Davis who is pushing Stephen Hendry hard for the provisional world No 1 spot, held his composure admirably in the deciding frame to construct a 73 break on his first scoring visit.

"With the world championship just around the corner I suppose it wouldn't have been a bad tournament in which to lose in the first round but now I'm through I badly want to win the thing," Davis, who is attempting to capture the British Open title for the *fourth time, said.*

Alan McManus, who has suffered disappointing results since triumphing in the Dubai Classic in October, showed a welcome return to form in recording a 5-2 victory over Anthony Hamilton, of Nottingham.

Hamilton cued well in the early stages. He compiled breaks of 127 and 99 in sharing the first four frames but McManus, who had won the third on the black after requiring a snooker with two reds remaining, conceded only 15 points in the closing three.

Hendry eased through to the last 32 with a routine 5-1 victory over Michael Judge, while John Higgins won 5-1 against Terry Griffiths.

Sharks hold nerve to take league title

By Nicholas Harling

AMID almost unbearable tension, the Sheffield Sharks captured the Budweiser League basketball title last night, to go with the National Cup that they won last month.

Requiring a victory at Doncaster Panthers to finish top, the Sharks achieved just that, succeeding 81-70 in The Dome to consign the defending champions, Thames Valley Tigers, to the runners-up spot.

The Tigers had taken the race to *the last day by over*whelming Derby Bucks 111-86 on Saturday, but that was to prove no more than a gallant effort from the holders.

Jim Brandon's squad made certain of that but it was not before they had tested the nerves of their large contingent of supporters, many of them not too ashamed to be sporting the colours of Sheffield Wednesday after the *previous day's* humiliation, that the double was completed in the club's first season.

The Sharks, who had led the League for most of the season, had opened brightly enough with two three-pointers from Chris Finch in the opening 47 seconds but from 18-11 down, the Panthers hit the visitors with a remarkable 16-2 burst that transformed the game.

Battling with an intensity that *suggested absolutely no* neighbourly favours, the Panthers, inspired by Anthony Joseph, led 30-25 only to fall behind again 38-32 by half time.

Although they were without their injured 6ft9in American, Chris Fite, the Panthers collected the first seven points of the second half to produce the next twist, but they continued to surrender baskets and rebounds to the magnificent Roger Huggins.

It was, however, when Greg Modzelewski put the Panthers ahead for the fourth time with a three-pointer just over three minutes from time that Sheffield's *cause* looked a lost one.

As the fouls mounted up, the Sharks kept cool, no one more so than Garnet Gayle, whose four successive free throws inspired the Sharks to collect 17 out of 22 altogether in their last quarter.

Finch was fouled out with 72 seconds left but with Modzelewski narrowly missing another three-pointer, it hardly mattered.

Brandon had shuffled his squad successfully and the celebrations of a remarkable first season could begin in earnest.

Mighty Wigan await Hanley's heroes in Wembley showdown

Leeds ready for the supreme test

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By Christopher Irvine

ON REACHING Wembley, wheels have a habit of detach*ing themselves from* wagons, while Wigan roll relentlessly on. They came off Leeds spectacularly last year, and a failure this week to despatch Oldham and Warrington would raise similar questions.

Forewarned is forearmed for a first repeat Rugby League Silk Cut Challenge Cup final on April 29, and Leeds certainly have a hardened, more determined feel about them this time. Maintenance of form is the elixir perfected by Wigan, which Leeds must also find.

Either side of 50 minutes on Saturday in which Leeds were overwhelmingly too good for a Featherstone defence reduced to pulp by undiluted pace was a wobbly start and unsatisfactory finish that Wigan would doubtless prey upon. Concession of 12 points in the last ten minutes was not the first occasion this season that Leeds minds have wandered.

Alan Tait, scorer of one of seven tries, ascribed bad preparation for last year's final to the pulled hamstring that left Ellery Hanley palpably unfit, in which case the cotton wool for the captain-coach should come out now. Hanley's importance to the side, not least two more tries on Saturday for a record-equalling 40 for a forward in a season, cannot be overemphasised.

In acknowledging the lack of strength in depth compared with Wigan, Hanley said few injuries had helped achieve greater consistency. "There are things to work on, and we know that you can only measure yourself in success against Wigan."

As they demonstrated at Elland Road, speed is the essence of Leeds, but there is power, too. The prop trio of Faimalo, Harmon and Howard exerted a punishing influence, Lowes short-circuited Featherstone with a phenomenal tackling stint, and Mercer's linking wide running complemented a back-line that is Wigan's match.

To Featherstone's credit, they never relented, but the highest score by a losing semi-finalist was scant consolation. Leeds were initially sucked in up the middle as Butt and Calland took their chances well, after a-length-of-the-field interception of Aston's pass by *Schofield, but in going out* wide and fast, Leeds cut loose.

Featherstone blinked and a Wembley return after 12 years was gone as Fallon, twice, and Hanley profited from the errors and indiscipline that crept in before half-time. Immediately afterwards, Iro was over but let go of the ball; in a tight contest, the sort of mistake to lose a trophy.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Fallon (2), Hanley (2), Schofield, Holroyd, Tait. Goals: Holroyd (5). Dropped goal: Schofield. Featherstone: Tries: Butt, Calland, Divet, Southerwood. Goals: Aston (3).

LEEDS: A Tait; J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes; F Cummins, G Schofield, G Holroyd; H Howard (sub: N Harmon, 29min), J Lowes, E Faimalo, G Mercer, R Eyres (sub: M Vassilakopoulos, 37), E Hanley

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: C Gibson; I *Butt, B Rodger (sub: M Nixon, 52),* M Calland, D Hughes; B Tuuta, M Aston; S Molloy, G Southerwood, L Cassy (sub: J Naisilsilo, 46), D Divet, G H Price, N Rosbuck.

Referee: D Campbell

Wigan restore order

SPECTATORS are likely to vote with their feet in the brave new world of the premier league next season if there are more of the hammerings that characterised yesterday's championship programme (Christopher Irvine writes). Wigan, Bradford Northern and St Helens together amassed 34 tries as respective opponents collapsed.

A weakened Halifax paid for their temerity in upsetting the champions five days before by enduring a 62-6 beating at Wigan. Frano Botica's try and six goals took him past 300 points for the season.

Before retiring at half-time, Paul Newlove touched down three times for Bradford in a 74-18 defeat of bottom-placed Doncaster, whose miserable fate it is to visit Wigan on Wednesday. St Helens, meanwhile, dismantled Wakefield 56-14.

With Leeds, in second place, now five points adrift, Wigan's sixth successive Stones Bitter Championship *title is a formality that might* be settled next Sunday night, when Bradford are the visitors, or even before then, should Leeds slip up against Oldham tomorrow and at Warrington on Friday.

Daryl Powell, 26, the Great Britain utility back, is expected to leave Sheffield today to join Keighley.

Outstanding double act make Forest the finished article



Collymore: inspired

Simon Barnes relishes a striking contrast in the 7-1 defeat of Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough

No, the scoreline is not a misprint. Wednesday *did* score one. Apart from that, though, they watched what was perhaps the finest display of finishing seen this season. Never mind Cole with his five tap-ins against half-hard Ipswich, this was the FA Carling Premiership's perfect finishing school in action.

April is the time of year for playing musical strikers. Who goes where? It is rather like the Formula One who-drives-what rumour factory. Cole moved for £7 million. Who will get Ferdinand? Bart-Williams, of Wednesday, is looking for a move, and there are suggestions that he is worth £6 million. And Forest could be losing Collymore. "If he's adamant he wants to go to a bigger club, we can't keep him," Frank Clark, the manager, said afterwards. On Saturday's display, he would be a steal at £7 million.

With the score 4-1 and Collymore yet to score, he had already done enough to be man of the match. Not for passes, or setting up goals, or for mazy dribbles. He simply demoralised every member of the Wednesday back four, one after the other. He drifted about the width of the pitch, constantly playing chicken with Wednesday's offside trap. And as he shifted, he wondered which defender he was going to torment next.

When it comes to ball-winning and ball-keeping, there is nobody like him. Going in against Collymore for a high ball is like going in against a mechanical flail. Strength, allied to strength of purpose: he wants to win every joust. Just as important, he is wonderfully "two-footed". That at least doubles the width of his pathway. A defender cannot just stand in the road, in front of the favourite foot.

And he has no discernible habits of engagement. He is not easy to predict. He cannot be shepherded into a safe area of the pitch. Physically and mentally, Collymore on song represents a custom-built defender's nightmare.

And, of course, he can score goals. He got Forest's fifth, a 25-yard blaster that was never going anywhere except the goal, and then a tap-in, completing a move made possible by the unselfishness of Roy. The Dutchman is a wonderful complement to Collymore. The two lack the joined-at-the-hip qualities some pairs of strikers establish: the pairing works almost in spite of each other. Roy has speed and a subtler touch; just what a defender needs after a session of Collymore's bullying.

Roy had the third and fourth goals, finishing sweetly from Bohinen and Stone. He might well have had a couple more, as well. But this was not a match of a hundred chances for Forest, with desperate defence, heroic goalkeeping and all that. The point of the occasion was the extraordinarily high percentage of chances that were converted into goals.

Pearce opened the scoring with a bending free kick, Woan had the second as Bohinen sprung the wobbly offside trap. That, if you have been counting, leaves the seventh and last. Bohinen crowned a fine match of midfield passing with a looping curved ball struck with the outside of the boot: a virtuoso effort and suitable coda to the afternoon. Wednesday's goal was a dodgy penalty from Bright.

Strikers are often difficult, turbulent, moody people. Their place in a team is always difficult. They feed on massive self-confidence. They are often ferocious individualists, monsters of selfishness who are prone to dreadful insecurities and fits of appalling brashness. Most managers would love to run a football team without strikers: neat, hard-working midfield players and sweaty backs, caring, sharing people all. But the querulous and cranky strikers are the difference between winning and losing.

Forest, after a fine autumn and a breathless spring, are fourth in the table, yet Collymore talks about leaving the club, not for money, but for ambition. Madness. But then there is something seriously amiss with the competitive structure of the Premiership.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — D Petrescu, A Pearce, D Walker, I Nolan — C Bart-Williams, J Sheridan (sub: G Whittingham, 77min), G Hyde, A Sinton — M Bright, C Waddle.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, I Woan (sub: P McGregor, 78) — S Collymore, B Roy.

Referee: A Wilde.

JULIAN HERBERT



Furlong gets to grips with Venison during a disappointing Premiership match notable principally for its errors and missed opportunities

Norwich defence dismantled

Hartson provides Arsenal with best way forward

Arsenal 5
Norwich City 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

GEORGE GRAHAM, the former Arsenal manager, left magnificent memories of titles and trophies when he was forced into exile five weeks ago. He also left John Hartson, the most expensive teenager in the country, whom he signed amid the lengthening shadows of the guillotine. A vivid legacy, given time, could earn Graham another honourable mention in the *Highbury hall of fame*.

Hartson already commands respect at the highest level. Not as a finished article, not by any means, but as a raw prospect who entangles defenders in a web of uncertainty. His presence unnerves them, his aggression irritates them. When he learns to channel his boyish zest into professional craft, without sacrificing his gladiatorial spark, he will be feared and revered.

In Sofia on Wednesday, he made his international debut for Wales in the 3-1 European championship defeat against Bulgaria. A baying crowd of 60,000 did not faze him one iota. At Highbury on Saturday, he scored twice in the clinical disposal of Norwich City in the FA Carling Premiership. Thirty-seven thousand spectators bore witness to his growing stature.

"John had had a long trip that can take a lot out of you," Stewart Houston, the Arsenal caretaker manager, observed. "He came back a bit tired but rested well and showed just why he's here, just why we signed him. Some of the stuff he produced was excellent."

Hartson, 20 on Wednesday, has often veered from the straight and narrow. It is an integral part of his bullish nature and, in moderation, should be encouraged. Since his £2.5 million move from Luton Town in January, he has been sent off once, booked four times and missed four matches because of suspension. He was also cautioned against Bulgaria, after only eight minutes of his debut, for a wild challenge on Stoichkov, the Barcelona and Bulgaria idol.

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Yet he has coped with leading the line in an ageing and ailing Arsenal side, complementing the increasingly erratic Wright, has scored four goals in 11 games and conducts himself with impressive aplomb away from the heat of battle. How many strikers would have scorned the chance of a hat-trick by readily declining to claim the middle part of the apparent treble, despite evidence to the contrary?



Hartson: gladiatorial

Dixon's seventh-minute cross appeared to be nudged in by Hartson, but not so. "What's the point?" Hartson said with refreshing honesty. "The goalkeeper might have thought I was going to get to it but I didn't. I tried to but missed it. I didn't touch it."

Dixon's accidental strike, his first goal of the season, split Hartson's brace — a side-footed effort from Helder's cross and a solo run and finish from Dixon's pass. They all came in the opening 13 minutes as Norwich contemplated the meaning of defence, unsuccessfully.

Cureton re-established a sense of sanity — Norwich were not entirely incompetent — from close range in the 32nd minute but Arsenal, on the back of four successive league defeats, finally rid themselves of the ridiculous spectre of relegation. It was a timely fillip, too, before the serious business of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final first leg against Sampdoria on Thursday.

Merson volleyed in a fourth and Newman, facing the wrong way, nodded in the fifth, via the crossbar, which would have been exquisite had he been wearing a red and white shirt. It was Hartson, though, who caught the eye, with intelligence on the pitch and integrity off it. A teenager not much longer, a man in the making.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): V Bartram — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — P Merson, D Hillier, S Morrow (sub: M Keown, 23min), G Helder — J Hartson (sub: C Kiwomya, 87), I Wright.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): A Marshall — G Bradshaw, J Newsome, R Newman, R Ullathorne (sub: D Sutch, 42) — N Adams, M Bowen, A Johnson, D Eadie — J Cureton, A Ward.

Referee: P Jones.

Newcastle make their excuses and grieve

Chelsea 1
Newcastle United 1

BY KEITH PIKE

NOBODY can doubt Kevin Keegan's honesty. It was the hallmark of a player of limited skill but unbounded enthusiasm, and the same trait has served him well as the manager who has revitalised Newcastle United. So it was a mite disappointing on Saturday to witness Keegan falling into the trap of trying to defend the indefensible.

This was a shocking game of mistake and counter-mistake. When Erland Johnsen, Chelsea's cumbersome centre half, is comfortably the most proficient player on view, and when Peter Beardsley receives a throw-in and promptly volleys the ball back into the crowd, it is hard not to despair. And yet rather than admit to the deficiencies of an error-strewn apology for an FA Carling Premiership match, Keegan adopted the tabloid tradition: he made his excuses and left the impression that all is well.

The Stamford Bridge pitch, Keegan said, was "very bumpy"; the ball was "lively"; the players who has been on international duty in midweek were "tired". Oh, and it was a "hot day". Only the price of fish was free from blame, it seemed.

Individually, all of Keegan's excuses might have had some effect, but even taken together they could not explain why a group of professionals with a conservative transfer market value of £35 million were consistently unable to complete a simple pass or, when asked to sidefoot the ball into goal from six yards, scooped it over the crossbar.

"Sometimes it is not the knowledge you can give them [on the training ground], it is what they can remember," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, suggested. On this evidence, there are a lot of footballers with very short memories.

Could it not be that, even at the highest level, English football is dominated by players of wonderful spirit but woeful technique? For all that, both clubs ended the afternoon with Europe on their minds. For Keegan and Newcastle, Hottiger's 89th-minute equaliser means they have kept third place, ahead of Nottingham Forest and on course for a return to the Uefa Cup next season. For Hoddle and Chelsea, the test is imminent and the prospects far from encouraging.

Chelsea fly out to Spain tomorrow for the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Real Zaragoza, and despite the excellence of their recoveries to defeat Austria Vienna and FC Bruges, will surely travel more in hope than expectation. Whatever the result, they will return to a relegation fray they might struggle to survive.

It is now more than five months since they won a league match at home, and their lack of composure — and a consistent goalscorer — again cost them dear on Saturday, when they were unable to protect the lead Gavin Peacock had given them in the 39th minute, at the end of a rare move of quality involving Rocastle and Stein.

CHELSEA (4-1-3-2): K Hitchcock — S Clarke, F Sinclair, E Johnsen, S Minto — N Spackman — D Rocastle (sub: C Burley, 87min), J Spencer (sub: D Hopkin, 71), G Peacock — M Stein, P Furlong.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Smicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, R Elliott — R Fox, P Beagrawell, B Venison, R Lee (sub: L Clark, 76) — P Beardsley, P Kitson (sub: S Watson, 67).

Referee: M Bodenham.

Happy landing for Taylor

Bristol Rovers 1
Swansea City 0

BY PAT GIBSON

IT WAS money well spent when John Ward, manager of *Bristol Rovers, decided to fly* his Wales under-21 striker, Gareth Taylor, straight back from the European championship qualifying match in Bulgaria to rejoin the club's push for promotion from from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division.

Taylor himself did not think so when he was sent on for only the last 30 seconds against Birmingham City the following night and again left kicking his heels for an hour against Swansea City. But Ward's investment paid off, almost as soon as he gave the youngster the chance to leave the bench to work off his frustration.

Within four minutes Taylor had scored his fifth goal in eight games, which proved *sufficient to end Swansea's* impressive run of nine matches without defeat and give Rovers every chance of making the play-offs.

"It was important for me to get Gareth back because I haven't got enough players to allow one to be the other side of Europe," Ward said. "He was bitterly disappointed not to start the game since he only lost his place because of the international, but he understood the situation."

Taylor is an interesting prospect. A year ago, he was a raw central defender who feared for his future after missing the whole of last season with damaged knee ligaments. Now he is a highly promising centre forward who could have a considerable *career ahead of him.*

Ward explained the transformation. "We settled our central defence positions while he was out injured and, looking at him in training, we wondered about him playing centre forward," he said. "Strikers who are 6ft 2in with a decent touch are quite handy to have and he has matured tremendously in the past 12 months. He's worked very hard and now he has got to the stage where he doesn't see himself as anything else."

Taylor's goal provided the one moment of quality. Archer, on the left, delivered the first cross to trouble Freestone in the Swansea goal and, when he could not claim it, Taylor was there to head firmly into the net.

Frank Burrows, the Swansea manager, did not mince his words. "I thought it was an awful game," he said. "I'm not taking anything away from Bristol Rovers but we played poorly and our goalkeeper was the only player I gave pass marks. I know points are important but the fifth and sixth teams in the league should produce better than that."

BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2): B Parkin — D Pritchard, B Clark, A Tillson, L Maddison — W Sterling, J Channing, J Skinner (sub: G Taylor, 60min), L Archer — P Miller, M Stewart (sub: M Browning, 84).

SWANSEA CITY (3-4-3): R Freestone — C Edmunds (sub: S Chapple, 72), K Walker, J Ford, — S Jenkins, L Pascoe (sub: J Coates, 85), J Gamlath, K Ampadu — J Hodge, S Torpey, D Porrett.

Referee: P Vanes.

Kinnear ready to challenge Europe

THE prospect will probably *send nervous shudders* across the playing fields of France, Germany and far beyond, but Wimbledon are nevertheless planning their first venture into European football. At least, according to Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, they are.

After snatching a dramatic 4-3 win at Leicester City, Kinnear stated: "We must keep winning, but our chances of Europe are good. We have five of our last seven games at home and there is plenty to play for."

At half-time, though, Kinnear was nothing like as happy. Trailing 1-0 to the FA Carling Premiership's bottom club, the manager told his players they "were not good enough for Europe" and his kidology paid off, two goals each from Goodman — including a last-minute winner — and Leonhardsen securing the points.

It was a bad day for the bottom clubs. Not only did Leicester lose on the same day that the city suffered disappointment in the Pilkington Cup semi-finals, Ipswich Town suffered another defeat, this time in the cruellest circumstances, at home to Aston Villa. They seemed to be heading for a 0-0 draw until Swailes, on his debut after moving for £225,000 from Doncaster, headed into his own net.

Kendall thrown off sinking hulk

Notts County 1
Barnsley 3

BY STUART JONES

CONTRARY to his usual custom, the loquacious Howard *Kendall did not at first say* anything. The skipper of a ship which had sunk so low that only the tip of the funnel was still showing, his silence revealed by implication his anger and disillusionment.

His spirits would have been even blacker had he been aware that he was about to be sacked from a managerial post in England for the first time in his career. Significantly, the decision was taken before Notts County suffered their first home defeat since he had taken over 78 days earlier.

When he did find out, he expressed his indignation, particularly about the impersonal nature of his dismissal. The chairman, Derek Pavis, is in Spain and had made no contact with the third man he had hired and fired during a shambolic season.

"*The timing is disastrous*," Kendall said. "I still believe we could have avoided relgation." That is stretching optimism beyond reason. The position was desperate when he was appointed. It is now hopeless. County lie 11 points behind Sunderland, who are fifth from bottom.

One of their seven remaining games is against the leaders, Middlesbrough, and the others are almost as demanding. But the first half of Kendall's lament is correct. The board has ushered the club, one of the Football League's founder members, towards the lowest reaches.

The vice-chairman, John Mounteney, disclosed the extent of the dissatisfaction behind the scenes. "While we realise Howard was handed a difficult task," he said, "results apart, we were not happy with the way the club was being run by the manager and his assistant, Russell Slade."

Kendall countered that, having been denied his own right-hand man, he was given no choice but to work with Slade, the club's selection. Evidently, there seems to have been as little cohesion and as much disorganisation in the corridors of Meadow Lane as on the field of play.

In a match of wretched quality, reduced to ten-a-side for the last half-hour, Paul Devlin gave County the lead before being sent off for a second offence. Brendan O'Connell equalised immediately and Barnsley forged ahead through Danny Wilson, their player-manager, and Andy Liddell. Wilson later castigated his miscreant, Darren Sheridan, the recipient of two yellow cards before the interval.

In the seven fixtures to have been staged at Meadow Lane so far this year, seven players have been ordered off. Such dishonourable conduct, both on and off the pitch, reflects poorly on one of the game's most ancient institutions.

NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2): S Cherry — C Short, G Hogg, M Forsyth, G Mills — P Devlin, S Nicol, P Turner, A Legg — D White, G McSwegan (sub: S Slawson, 45min).

BARNSLEY (3-5-2): D Watson — M Snotton, G Fleming, G Taggart — N Eaden, B O'Connell, M Bullock, D Wilson, D Sheridan — A Payton, A Liddell.

Referee: P Richards.

Kelly's magic spell broken by Stant

Doncaster Rovers 1
Bury 2

BY ALYSON RUDD

GRAHAM KELLY, chief executive of the FA, weaves a kind of magic. For as he took his seat at this vital third division match, the Tannoy announcer soothingly informed supporters that Doncaster Rovers' threat to resign from the Football League over a funding dispute with the local council had been withdrawn and that a new stadium would be ready next year.

And under Kelly's gaze, a powerful Bury side's best chances hit the woodwork, Williams, the Rovers goalkeeper, saved a penalty and the home side took the lead with a much sharper penalty kick from Wilcox.

But then Kelly left and the spell was broken. Lancaster flicked the ball through a static Rovers defence for Stant to equalise and then the former Cardiff City forward won the match with a diving header with seven minutes remaining.

It became clear, too, as Kelly departed that the Tannoy announcer was being a little over-enthusiastic. Rovers and the council have until the end of April to finalise the financing of a new stadium. More resignation threats cannot be discounted.

"This league is not over yet," Sammy Chung, the Rovers manager, said. However, Chung was referring to his club's chances of a play-off place. He prefers to leave the question of league membership to Kenneth Richardson, the self-made millionaire who saved Rovers from financial ruin two years ago. Richardson "represents" Dinard Trading, the club's main shareholder. He also "represents" the club.

There is no official chairman at Doncaster Rovers but everyone connected with the club treats him as one. This lack of clear identity has turned Richardson into a shadowy figure outside Doncaster but Chung views him as a white knight who cannot be expected to save the club without co-operation and money from the council.

Chung believes the stadium will be built, that gates will automatically increase and that Rovers will make it to Wembley.

DONCASTER ROVERS (4-4-2): D Williams — R Kirby, R Wilcox, D Kishen, W Haslett — L Warren, J Schofield, S Parish (sub: L Thew, 35min), S Harper — G Jones, M Norbury.

BURY (4-4-2): G Kelly — R Stanislaus, C Lucketti, I Thews, S Vinson — T Kelly, L Johnrose, N Daws, D Pugh — D Lancaster, P Stant.

Referee: N Barry.

WORD-WATCHING

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CECROPS
(c) A legendary ancestor or first king of the Athenians. He is represented as serpent-shaped below the waist and was said to be earth-born. Attica was sometimes called Cecropia after him. His daughters were so terrified when they opened the forbidden chest, and saw the infant Erechtheus, who was also serpent-shaped or had snakes for feet, that they went mad and threw themselves off the Acropolis.

CARNEADES
(b) Or Karneades, of Cyrene (214-129 BC), a Greek philosopher from the New Academy, who held, in opposition to the dogmatism of the Stoics and Epicureans, that certain knowledge was unattainable but that, in its absence, conclusions of various degrees of probability could be formed, *and that these supply a guide to conduct. Cicero was an adherent of his* views.

AMMON
(c) An Egyptian god, represented sometimes as a ram, sometimes as a man with a ram's head and curved horns. He had a famous oasis (Siwah) in the Libyan desert, which was visited by Alexander the Great. The Greeks identified Ammon with Zeus.

SYNECDOCHE
(b) A rhetorical figure of speech in which a part is used to signify the whole, as in "a fleet of a hundred sails". Or the singular where the plural is meant, as in the phrase monotonously frequent in Livy "Romanus proelio victor".

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 ... Rxh2+! 2 Kxh2 Qh6+ 3 Kg1 Bxd4+ and the white queen is lost



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Premiership crown begins to slip at Old Trafford as Leeds force goalless draw

United struggle to keep their title hopes alive

Manchester United	0
Leeds United	0

BY PETER BALL

MANCHESTER United saw the FA Carling Premiership title slipping from their grasp in the spring sunshine yesterday. As happens so often at Old Trafford, Leeds set out unashamedly for a 0-0 draw and duly achieved it.

With Tottenham Hotspur losing at Southampton, the point they earned confirmed Leeds in sixth place, but by far the greater beneficiaries were Blackburn Rovers, who are now five points clear of United with a game in hand.

"Blackburn can only throw it [the title] away now," a sombre Alex Ferguson said afterwards. "We're hoping for a 'Devon Loch', but it will take a major boob for them to lose it."

Gary McAllister, the Leeds captain, had some words of hope, however, after his side had nullified United's best efforts. "Blackburn are definitely favourites now," he said, "but I still think it's got a little way to go. I still think United have got a chance. We were in their position three years ago and we managed to turn it round."

However, United now have only six matches left to close that gap. Blackburn are making relentless progress and there is little sign of them slipping; indeed, there are increasing signs that United lack the sharpness to take advantage even if Blackburn should falter. Gleaning five points out of the last 12 is not championship form at a crucial stage.

If Blackburn's visit to Goodison Park on Saturday was a typically tense end-of-season game when the stakes are high, yesterday's match resembled an end-of-season game with nothing to play for, a saunter in the sun. Only in the last half-hour did the crowd's urgency communicate itself to United as they at last upped the pace in an attempt to find a way through Leeds's heavily-manned defence.

Yet when cracks did appear, they failed to exploit them. Cole, for all his eagerness, is firing blanks, the five goals against Ipswich looking a less relevant statistic than the failure to score in eight of his 11 starts. United have now drawn two of their last three home games 0-0. The absence of Cantona is beginning to be felt.

Yesterday, so was the absence of Kanchelskis, their leading scorer. Kanchelskis has been unhappy since he was omitted for tactical reasons at Goodison Park a month ago. He returned from international duty against Scotland in Moscow in midweek with a stomach strain, having been given a reported eight pain-killing injections to play for Russia. "We are really angry," Ferguson said.

Kanchelskis was replaced by the latest of United's 1992 FA Youth Cup-winners, David Beckham. Beckham came in for his Premiership debut four months after playing in the European Cup Champions' League, when he scored against Galatasaray. He returned from a loan spell at Preston North End, where he scored three goals in five matches, to provide some of the few bright moments in a dour first half.

Chances were few and far between as Leeds defended in depth, but of Leeds as an attacking force, there was little to be seen. There was little of United, too, as they tried to fathom a way through. Keane was in imperious form at the back, but with Ince less influential than usual, his driving presence was missed in midfield.

By the interval, United had hardly made a chance worthy of the name, but, as legs began to tire in the heat, opportunities at last began to appear. Cole mishit a volley as McClair's header fell to him. Then, on the hour, Hughes sent Cole away to roll the ball into the path of the onrushing McClair, but the shot flew past the far post.

Finally, as United's desperation grew, sheer pressure created chances in the closing minutes as Keane drove forward, but Hughes saw one header go wide and Wetherall capped an outstanding game by flinging himself in the way of Ince's drive. It was that sort of day for United — but then, several have been recently.

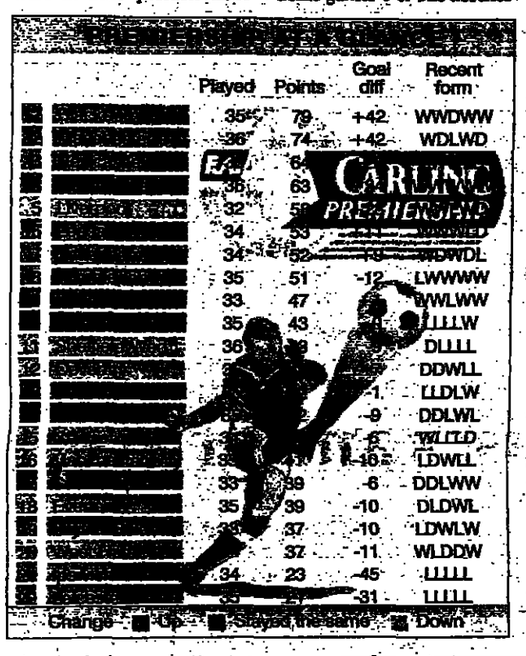
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, G Pallister, R Keane, D Irwin — D Beckham, B McClair, P Ince, R Giggs — M Hughes, A Cole.

LEEDS UNITED (4-5-1): J Lukic — G Kelly, J Pemberton, J Wetherall, A Dorigo — R Wallace, C Palmer, A Couzens, G McAllister, B Deane — A Ysbeah.

Referee: R Gifford.



Cole struggles to shrug off the physical pressure of Wetherall, the Leeds defender, at Old Trafford yesterday



Goal rush at Dell disturbs Sunday slumbers

Southampton	4
Tottenham Hotspur	3

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

A DAY for the footballaholic with 4½ hours of high-octane action at The Dell, Old Trafford and Wembley, began in breathtaking style on the South Coast yesterday. Ridiculous though the 11.30 kick-off was, nobody could have left rueing the loss of their Sunday morning lie-in. It was worth every minute.

Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur produced eight goals on their last meeting, at the same venue, when Tottenham overturned a 2-0 deficit to win 6-2 after extra time in an FA Cup fifth round replay.

Yesterday's FA Carling Premiership encounter was even more dramatic, with Southampton in front 1-0 and 3-2, and Tottenham ahead at 2-1. Seven goals, five bookings, end-to-end extravagance and nicely embroidered by a Grobbelaar howler.

"I preach positive football and that's what we've shown today," Alan Ball, the Southampton manager, said. "I tell my lads to pass, move and entertain and that's what they did. We've produced it even under the supposed pressure of relegation and I believe we could go on to become a very good side."

Southampton were a goal up, Heaney having flicked a header past Walker, when Grobbelaar rushed out with the apparent intention of punting a hopeful Mabbutt pass high into the stands. However, he allowed the ball to roll behind him into the area, where he tried to pick it up. Sheringham was too sharp, though, and dispossessed him before scoring from an acute angle.

Klinsmann, working tirelessly, claimed his 25th goal of the season in the 32nd minute, when he tucked home Rosenthal's incisive pass, but Le Tissier thumped in the equaliser a minute before the interval. The second half provided carbon-copy fare, with Heaney driving Southampton forward and Tottenham content to counter attack at pace.

Le Tissier made it 3-2 with his 25th goal of the season, and sixth against Tottenham in four matches, and Sheringham took his tally to 20 when Grobbelaar was unable to hold Rosenthal's teasing cross. In the 62nd minute, Southampton regained the lead when Magilton swept in a graceful half-volley from long range.

That there was no further addition to the scoreline proved the only negative aspect of an enthralling contest. The final drama came with Grobbelaar's acrobatic leap in the final minute, when he clawed away a shot that had deflected off Widdrington.

"I can't be too harsh because we've had a tremendous run," Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, said. "We were a bit short in most departments. Maybe it was because it was a Sunday morning and the sun was out."

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): B Grobbelaar — J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, S Charlton — M Le Tissier, J Magilton, N Maddison, N Heaney — N Shipperley, G Watson (sub: T Widdrington, 82min)

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, D Kerslake — R Rosenthal, D Anderton, D Howells, N Barmby — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann

Referee: G Willard

Blackburn display resolution and luck of champions



Hendry: apologies

Everton	1
Blackburn Rovers	2

BY PETER BALL

FOR the past few weeks, Manchester United supporters have been studying the fixture list, trying to spot the games where Blackburn Rovers will stumble to allow United to storm past. The visit to Everton on Saturday confirmed the suspicion that they are wasting their time.

It was the sort of game which pretenders lose: scrappy, ill-humoured, hectic, a typically tense affair between Lancashire rivals with a lot at stake. Champions win those games any way they can.

Blackburn did so on Saturday to leave Manchester United following in their wake like a seagull following a trawler, but with diminishing hope of Blackburn throwing any points overboard. Yet again Sutton, after just 13 seconds, and Shearer scored the goals, but after going two ahead in six minutes, Blackburn then hung on grimly.

"It wasn't pretty," Colin Hendry admitted. "It was a typical end-of-season game where one side is trying to win something, the other to avoid going down, but as an advert for football, tiredness took over."

As an advert it reflected the English game, warts and all. Twenty countries watched the game live; another 16 saw the recorded highlights. What they made of the afternoon's "entertainment" can be guessed, but the Everton fans left no doubts about their feelings. Hendry apologised afterwards to the Everton fans. Dalglish, revealing his Liverpool background, did not. "How many times have you seen Liverpool win a game that way?" he demanded. "I'm sure if Manchester United had come here and won, they'd have been booed off."

Perhaps. Perhaps not. Hard to imagine Ryan Giggs emulating Shearer, the most exciting forward in English football, who spent the closing minutes kicking for touch as eagerly as Rob Andrew, but with less positive intentions. With Hansen and Lawrenson, there used to be a more studied elegance about Liverpool's defending, but the point was made. Blackburn may lack style, but their resolution was that of champions.

"Considering that Hendry had had the long trip to Moscow in midweek, his performance was superb," Dalglish said. Pearce had only been to Dublin, but he was not far behind Hendry in repelling boarders as the siege reached Alamo proportions.

Flowers made one outstanding save, just turning Barlow's shot onto the post in the moments after Stuart's splendid goal had brought Everton back into the game. And when Flowers was beaten, by Hinchcliffe's left-foot shot five minutes from time, Hendry did magnificently to cover his keeper and kick the ball away. It was the type of defending which wins titles.

Inevitably, as all champions do, Blackburn needed their moments of luck. Pearce was more fortunate to escape giving away a penalty for knocking down Stuart than television suggested; anything could have happened in one mêlée with at least ten bodies hacking at the ball on the goalline, but Amokachi twice failed to make significant contact.

But Blackburn's greatest good fortune came several weeks ago, with Paul Durkin's decision that Duncan Ferguson's challenge at Leicester deserved a red card. Given the number of elbows flying around at Goodison, had the same referee been in charge here, both sides could have ended up with eight men.

As it was, Ferguson's absence was crucial. Had he been available as target for the crosses and long balls which are Everton's staple diet, even the resolution of Hendry and Pearce might not have been enough.

EVERTON (3-5-2): N Southall — D Watson, E Barrett, G Ablett — M Jackson, G Stuart, J Parkinson, B Horne, A Hinchcliffe — D Amokachi, S Barlow (sub: A Grant, 47min)

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, J Kenna — S Ripley, T Sherwood, M Atkins, G Le Saux — A Shearer, C Sutton

Referee: D Gallagher

Palace pierce City's safety net

Andrew Longmore sees

Crystal Palace defeat

Manchester City 2-1

ASKED what staying in the Premiership would mean for Crystal Palace, their manager, Alan Smith, surveyed his feet for a minute and replied: "A bigger Bentley for the chairman, I suppose." He was only half joking. Smith has a delightfully honest and cynical view of the modern game. But he is also a canny psychologist.

No sooner had his endearingly daft side deservedly climbed out of the relegation zone, dragging City nearer the drop, than he was needling Armstrong, scorer of the first goal and recently reformed drug abuser, into life for the FA Cup semi-final against the other half of Manchester next Sunday. Far from praising his centre forward, he was savage in his condemnation of a strike rate of four goals in 30 Premiership games.

"It's appalling. Any centre forward worth his salt in any division should be scoring 15 a season minimum and he is playing in a team which creates chances. You can't put these people on pedestals, it's what they're paid to do," he said.

If Manchester City go down this season — and after this abject showing, there is every chance — they have only themselves, and the tactical master-plan dreamt up by their manager, Brian Horton, to blame. Horton decided to string five players across his defence as if frightened Crystal Palace might suddenly emerge from their chrysalis a changed side from the one that had scored a miserable 11 goals at home in the league this season.

Palace, of course, did nothing of the sort. They played like Palace, with good pace, bags of vim, tons of energy and, for all the reassuring presence of the newcomer, Ray Houghton, a modicum of nous. But by the time Horton had whisked his team back to the dressing-room for a half-time reshuffle, dispensed with his sweeper and opted for a more conventional 4-4-2, Palace had the whiff of victory while City, who could have put safety within reach by playing sensibly, simply smelt of panic.

So what was Horton doing? "We got murdered here in the Coca-Cola Cup and I didn't want that to happen again," he explained. Palace won 4-0 that night, but everyone knows league football turns the side to jelly and footballers, English footballers, anyway, do not like their formations mucked around. Unfamiliarity saps their confidence, makes good players mediocre and mediocre players awful, and City have too many of the latter to encourage fancy tactics.

For the first half, the three City centre backs — Vonk, Kernaghan and Curle — were like orienteers looking for their maps. At one moment, as Dyer pulled wide to find yards of space, all three were standing on sentry duty by the penalty spot waiting for someone else to do the defending. Had Coton not been alert and Dowie, chief toucher-in, not been suspended, City would have been buried by half-time rather than a mere goal behind as Salako, troubled by what his manager, Alan Smith, describes as "more a mental than a physical" hamstring injury, sent in a stream of dangerous crosses.

Not until the second half did they find reward, Patterson heading the winner from Salako's corner after Rösler had headed a spectacular equaliser for City 12 minutes into the second half. Patterson had not scored for Palace before. Maybe a touch of whimsy is not such a bad thing after all.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — D Patterson, R Shaw, E Young, C Coleman — R Houghton, G Soungaste, D Pitcher, J Salako (sub: I Cox, 87min) — B Dyer (sub: G Ndah, 78), C Armstrong.

MANCHESTER CITY (5-3-2): A Coton — J Foster, A Kernaghan, K Curle, M Vonk (sub: N Summerbee, 46), D Brightwell — M Gaudino, G Fitzroft, P Beagrie — P Walsh, U Rösler

Referee: T Holbrook.

Aberdeen head for unfamiliar territory

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

The Bell's Scottish League first division can be a dowdy place, so perhaps it should be given a lick of paint. After all, distinguished guests may soon be arriving. A 1-0 defeat at home to Kilmarnock on Saturday left Aberdeen entrenched in ninth place in the premier division. Remaining in that spot would embroil them in a play-off to avoid relegation.

However, the only side below them, Partick Thistle, lag by just a point and have two games in hand. Should Aberdeen finish last, demotion, for the first time in the club's 92-year history, will be automatic. It is not just the arithmetic of wins, draws and losses which increases the sense of dread. Pittodrie is giving off some classic distress signals.

On Saturday, the caretaker-manager, Roy Aitken, praised the performance and thought defeat undeserved. Most observers agreed. But playing well while failing to coerce the game into yielding a goal is exactly what leads a club to collapse. Aitken took his side's unavailing control as a sign of hope; it may just be a grave symptom.

Aberdeen are usually associated with robust health and there are only tentative theories to explain the sudden sickliness. Aitken's predecessor, Willie Miller, who spent some £2 million this season alone, made a series of signings over his three years in charge that seemed to disturb the team rather than develop it. The poor judgment, and a deteriorating league position, got him the sack in February.

Even so, Aberdeen still had four Scotland internationals in their pool on Saturday. For these men a poor year ought to mean mid-table dreariness. Such players are accustomed to dealing with the sophisticated difficulties of cup finals and European ties. Suddenly and mysteriously asked to engage in the savage struggle for survival, that refinement turns into a handicap.

In Tom Wolfe's novel, *Bonfire of the Vanities*, a yuppie's car strays into the ghetto and his life is engulfed by the consequences. The book is a useful primer for anyone trying to understand the predicament of Aberdeen, who have six particularly exacting fixtures left. It may not just be the team who are frightened and lost. The leadership provided by the chairman, Ian Donald, and his board will also be questioned.

Miller's record was deteriorating, but replacing him with his assistant, Aitken, put the club through a trauma that changed nothing at all. Aberdeen, wholly unfamiliar with their present circumstances, would surely flunk a course in crisis management. Dundee United, who have also drifted into the relegation zone and lost 2-0 to Rangers on Saturday under the new management of Billy Kirkwood, are in a comparable condition.

Affluence, however, does appear to be paying off for Kilmarnock. Paul Wright, signed from St Johnstone for £340,000 on Friday, made a sound debut at Pittodrie. The club has now spent more than £1 million on new players while rebuilding their ground at a cost of £3.5 million. Does the wealth come from the chairman, Bob Fleeting's rich American mother-in-law? Was it provided by the vice-chairman, James Moffat, who sold a chain of travel agents? Trips to Rugby Park are certainly enlivened by a game of Spot the Benefactor.

It is, however, a club raised in adversity that is coping best of all with hardship. In February, Falkirk's manager, Jim Jefferies, acted with the kind of sure instinct absent at Aberdeen and Dundee United. In return for selling a midfield player, Eddie May, to Motherwell, he received two forwards, Steve Kirk and Paul McGrillen, and £100,000. The cash was instantly employed to meet Maurice Johnston's personal terms as he was signed from Heart of Midlothian. It looked like a questionable decision. There may still be the occasional fast car in Johnston's life, but he really travels by free-transfer these days. Everton and Hearts have now both released him.

At Brockville, however, he has brought invention to Falkirk's attack. The team, unbeaten in five games, hauled itself into the top half of the table with a victory at Tynecastle, McGrillen scoring his first goal as Hearts were beaten 1-0.

Falkirk's merriment was, however, restricted by an episode in which Kirk crashed the ball into the stand and appeared to strike a girl in the face. She was later treated in hospital for bruising. The police announced that they had interviewed a Falkirk player, the club's management, eight spectators and a television crew in connection with the incident.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (3) 5 **NORWICH** (1) 1
Hartson 4, 13; Dixon 6; Merson 75; Newman 90 (og) — Cureton 32 — 36,942
Arsenal: V Bartram, L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn, P Merson, D Hillier, S Morrow (sub: M Keown 23min), G Helder, J Hartson (sub: C Kiwomya 87), I Wright. Norwich City: A Marshall, C Bradshaw, J Newsome, R Newman, R Ullathorne (sub: D Sutch, 42), N Adams, M Bowen, A Johnson, D Eadie, J Cureton, A Ward.
Booked: Adams.
Referee: P Jones.

CHELSEA (1) 1 **NEWCASTLE** (0) 1
Peacock 38 — Hottiger 88 — 22,987
Chelsea: K Hitchcock, S Clarke, F Sinclair, E Johnsen, S Minto, N Spackman, D Rocastle (sub: C Burley, 87min), J Spencer (sub: D Hopkin, 71), G Peacock, M Stein, P Furlong.
Booked: Minto.
Newcastle United: P Smicek, M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, R Elliott, R Fox, P Bracewell, B Venison, R Lee (sub: L Clark, 79), P Beardsley, P Kitson (sub: S Watson, 67).
Booked: Peacock.
Referee: M Bodenham.

COVENTRY (0) 0 **QPR** (0) 1
15,740 — Sinclair 85
Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, S Pressley, D Burrows, A Pickering, D Rennie, K Richardson, M Marsh, S Flynn (sub: S Robertson, 59min), P Cook, P Ndlovu, D Dublin.
Booked: Cook, Dublin.
Queen's Park Rangers: A Roberts, R Brevett, C Wilson, A McDonald, K Ready, A Impey, S Barker, I Holloway, D Dichio, K Gallen, T Sinclair.
Booked: McDonald.
Sent off: Holloway, 21.
Referee: P Danson.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 **MANCHESTER C** (0) 1
Armstrong 33; Patterson 64 — Rosler 57 — 13,312
Crystal Palace: N Martyn, D Patterson, R Shaw, E Young, C Coleman, R Houghton, G Southgate, D Pitcher, J Salako (sub: I Cox, 87min), B Dyer (sub: G Ndah, 76), C Armstrong.
Booked: Patterson.
Manchester City: A Coton, J Foster, A Kernaghan, K Curle, M Vonk (sub: N Summerbee, 45), D Brightwell, M Gaudino, G Flitcroft, P Beagrie, P Walsh, U Rösler.
Referee: T Holbrook.

EVERTON (1) 1 **BLACKBURN RVRS** (2) 2
Stuart 24 — Sutton 1; Shearer 7 — 37,905
Everton: N Southall, D Watson, E Barrett, G Ablett, M Jackson, G Stuart, J Parkinson, B Horne, A Hinchcliffe, D Amokachi, S Barlow (sub: A Grant, 47min).
Booked: Ablett.
Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, J Kenna, S Ripley, T Sherwood, M Atkins, G Le Saux, A Shearer, C Sutton.
Booked: Pearce.
Referee: D Gallagher.

IPSWICH (0) 0 **A VILLA** (0) 1
15,710 — Swailes (og) 90
Ipswich Town: C Forrest, F Yallop, J Wark, C Swailes, G Thompson, S Milton, G Williams, C Thomsen, S Slater, A Mathie, I Marshall.
Aston Villa: M Bosnich, G Charles, P McGrath, S Teale, U Ehiogu, A Wright, I Taylor, A Townsend, S Staunton, D Saunders (sub: D Yorke, 45min), D Atkinson (sub: G Fenton, 82).
Referee: J Worrall.

LEICESTER (1) 3 **WIMBLEDON** (0) 4
Roberts 13; Willis 79; Lawrence 84 — Goodman 63, 90; Leonhardsen 65, 85 — 15,489
Leicester City: K Poole, S Grayson, C Hill (sub: J Lawrence, 65min), N Mohan (sub: S McMahon, 74), J Willis, G Parker, D Lowe, I Ormondroyd, B Carey, M Whitlow, M Robins.
Wimbledon: N Sullivan, W Barton (sub: C Perry, 78), D Holdsworth, G Elkins, A Reeves, A Kimble, M Gayle (sub: M Harford, 60), A Thorn, O Leonhardsen, J Goodman, K Cunningham.
Booked: Elkins, Leonhardsen.
Referee: D R Elleray.

SHEFFIELD WED (0) 1 **NOTTM FOREST** (2) 7
Bright (pen) 52 — Pearce 17; Woan 20; Roy 48, 64; Collymore 78, 80; Bohinen 86 — 30,060
Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, D Petrescu, A Pearce, D Walker, I Nolan, C Bart-Williams, J Sheridan (sub: G Whittingham, 77min), G Hyde, A Sinton, M Bright, C Waddle.
Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, I Woan (sub: P McGregor, 78), S Collymore, B Roy.
Booked: Phillips.
Referee: A B Wilkie.

Yesterday

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 0 **LEEDS UTD** (0) 0
43,712
Manchester United: P Schmeichel, D Irwin, G Pallister, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs, R Keane, A Cole, G Neville, D Beckham.
Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, A Dorigo, C Palmer, J Pemberton, D Wetherall, A Yeboah, R Wallace (N Worthington 87min), B Deane (sub: N Whelan, 82), G McAllister, A Couzens.
Booked: Kelly, Wallace, McAllister.
Referee: R Gifford.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4 **TOTTENHAM** (2) 3
Heaney 12; Le Tissier 44, 56; Magilton 61 — Sheringham 18, 58; Klinsmann 34 — 15,105
Southampton: B Grobbelaar, J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, S Charlton, M Le Tissier, J Magilton, N Maddison, N Heaney, N Shipperley, G Watson (sub, T Widdrington, 82min).
Booked: Monkou, Watson, Heaney.
Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, D Kerslake, R Rosenthal, D Anderton, D Howells, N Barmby, E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.
Booked: Austin, Klinsmann.
Referee: G Willard.

Coca-Cola Cup

Final

BOLTON WDRS (0) 1 **LIVERPOOL** (1) 2
Thompson 69 — McManaman 37, 68 — 75,595
Bolton Wanderers: K Branagan, S Green (sub: G Bergsson, 69min), J Phillips, J McAteer, M Seagraves, A Stubbs, D Lee, M Sneekes, M Paatelainen, J McGinlay, A Thompson.
Booked: Thompson, Bergsson.
Liverpool: D James, R Jones, P Babb, J Scales, N Ruddock, S Bjornebye, J Redknapp, S McManaman, J Barnes, I Rush, R Fowler.
Booked: Jones, Babb, Bjornebye.
Referee: P Don.



Sheringham: two for Tottenham

COCA-COLA CUP

IT WAS only the second meeting of Bolton Wanderers and Liverpool in this competition, the previous game being in 1968.

The contrast between the starting XIs is startling, in terms of experience and cost.

Bolton have spent a meagre £1,550,000 on their team while Liverpool's player bill is more than nine times that figure, at £14,650,000. The most experienced Bolton player is Jimmy Phillips with 39 appearances and 14 goals while Ian Rush, of Liverpool, has 47 goals in 75 matches.

TEAM STATISTICS

BOLTON	1994-95 P	1994-95 Gl	Career P	Career Gl	Cost (£)
Branagan	8		29		Free
Green	6		17	1	50,000
Lee	8	2	27	3	300,000
McAteer	7	2	11	2	Nominal
McGinlay	8	4	19	5	125,000
Paatelainen	8	2	8	2	300,000
Phillips	8		39	14	250,000
Seagraves	2		12		100,000
Sneekes	8	1	8	1	175,000
Stubbs	6	1	20	4	None
Thompson	8	2	12	2	250,000

LIVERPOOL	1994-95 P	1994-95 Gl	Career P	Career Gl	Cost (£)
Babb	7		18	1	3.5m
Barnes	6		41	10	900,000
Bjornebye	7		7		600,000
Fowler	8	4	13	10	None
James	8		15		1m
R Jones	8		25	2	300,000
McManaman	8	2	20	7	None
Redknapp	8	2	21	3	350,000
Ruddock	8		32	2	2.5m
Rush	6	6	75	47	2.8m
Scales	7	1	29	1	2.7m

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	31	2	1	34
Fowler (Liverpool)	22	6	0	28
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	17	8	0	25
Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe)	15	9	0	24
Cole (Man Utd) (15 for Newcastle)	16	2	4	22
Le Tissier (Southampton)	13	9	0	22
Wright (Arsenal)	12	3	7	22
Collymore (Notm Forest)	18	3	0	21
Sutton (Blackburn)	15	5	1	21

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	35	15	2	1	49	17	9	5	3	23	13	79	+42
2 Man Utd	36	14	3	1	39	3	8	5	5	27	21	74	+42
3 Newcastle	35	12	5	0	36	13	6	5	7	21	24	64	+20
4 Nottm For	36	10	5	3	32	17	8	4	6	31	22	63	+24
5 Liverpool	32	10	5	2	31	10	6	5	4	23	16	58	+28
6 Leeds	34	9	4	3	24	12	5	7	6	20	21	53	+11
7 Tottenham	34	8	4	5	27	20	6	6	5	28	26	52	+9
8 Wimbledon	35	9	2	6	23	21	6	4	8	22	36	51	-12
9 QPR	33	9	3	5	31	22	4	5	7	20	28	47	+1
10 Arsenal	35	5	7	5	22	18	6	3	9	19	23	43	0
11 Sheff Wed	36	5	6	7	21	25	6	4	8	23	28	43	-9
12 Coventry	36	6	6	6	19	22	4	7	7	18	32	43	-17
13 Aston Villa	35	5	8	5	24	19	5	4	8	23	29	42	-1
14 Norwich	35	8	7	3	25	17	2	5	10	9	26	42	-10
15 Chelsea	34	4	7	6	21	19	6	4	7	20	28	41	-6
16 Man City	35	7	6	5	33	24	3	5	9	11	30	41	-10
17 Soton	33	6	7	4	26	23	2	8	6	22	31	39	-6
18 Everton	35	7	6	4	26	20	2	6	10	12	28	39	-10
19 C Palace	33	5	4	8	13	20	4	6	6	12	15	37	-10
20 West Ham	34	6	4	6	19	18	4	3	11	14	26	37	-10
21 Ipswich	34	4	2	11	21	31	2	3	12	10	45	23	-45
22 Leicester	35	3	5	9	24	32	1	4	13	15	38	21	-31

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BURNLEY (0) 1 **MILLWALL** (1) 2
Shaw 75 — Oldfield 38, 57 — 10,454

CHARLTON ATH (0) 0 **STOKE CITY** (0) 0
10,008

DERBY COUNTY (2) 3 **BRISTOL CITY** (1) 1
Gabbiadini 6; Williams 15; Wrack 62 — Allison 41 — 14,555

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 **BARNSLEY** (1) 3
Devlin 10 — O'Connell 11; Wilson 47; Liddell 60 — 6,834

PORT VALE (0) 1 **GRIMSBY TOWN** (2) 2
Naylor 59 — Livingstone 13; Laws 31 — 7,150

READING (2) 3 **SWINDON TOWN** (0) 0
Lovell 29, (pen) 31, 89 — 12,565

SOUTHEND UTD (0) 0 **WOLVERHAMPTON** (0) 1
8,522 — Bull 83

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 ***SHEFFIELD UTD*** (0) 0
Russell 89 — 17,259

TRANMERE RVRS (3) 4 **PORTSMOUTH** (1) 2
Malkin 2; Aldridge 12, 34; Irons 71 — Preki 19; Irons (og) 65 — 8,722

WATFORD (1) 1 **OLDHAM ATH** (2) 2
Ramage 45 — Banger 7; Brennan 10 — 8,090

WEST BROMWICH (1) 1 ***MIDDLESBROUGH*** (0) 3
Rees 35 — Pollock 57; Raven (og) 61; Moore 66 — 20,256

SECOND DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 **ROTHERHAM UTD** (1) 1
Francis 55; Shearer 68 — Goater (pen) 17 — 16,077

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 **LEYTON ORIENT** (0) 0
Pennock 34; Holland 88 — 4,118

BRADFORD CITY (1) 1 **WREXHAM** (1) 1
Showler 45 — Bennett 11 — 4,461

BRENTFORD (1) 3 **YORK CITY** (0) 0
Grainger 3; Forster 59; Taylor 60 — 6,474

BRIGHTON (1) 2 **BLACKPOOL** (1) 2
McCarthy 26; Byrne 72 — Ellis 19; Watson 87 — 7,157

BRISTOL RVRS (0) 1 **SWANSEA CITY** (0) 0
Taylor 64 — 7,052

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1 **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** (0) 1
Butler (pen) 76 — Landon 62 — 3,913

CARDIFF CITY (1) 2 **CHESTER CITY** (0) 1
Dale 43; Millar 87 — Hackett 88 — 4,405

CREWE ALEXANDRA (1) 3 **OXFORD UTD** (2) 2
Rowbotham 26; Smith 76; Adebola 78 — Moody 8; Allen 16 — 3,928

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 **PETERBOROUGH** (1) 2
Bullock 79 — Ebdon 43; McGorry 62 — 11,324

HULL CITY (0) 0 **WYCOMBE WDRS** (0) 0
5,054

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 **STOCKPORT CO** (1) 1
Stevens 75 — Graham 1 — 3,655

THIRD DIVISION

DONCASTER RVRS (1) 1 **BURY** (0) 2
Wilcox (pen) 34 — Stant 59, 83 — 2,485

EXETER CITY (0) 1 **CHESTERFIELD** (0) 2
Brown 74 — Dawes 61; Morris 64 — 2,144

HARTLEPOOL UTD (1) 1 **NORTHAMPTON** (0) 1
Houchen 11 — Thompson 83 — 2,113

MANSFIELD TOWN (1) 1 **CARLISLE** (1) 2
Lampkin 33 — Prokas 39; Thorpe 87 — 5,197

PRESTON NE (1) 1 **GILLINGHAM** (0) 1
Carmichael 38 — Dunne 49 — 9,100

ROCHDALE (1) 2 **BARNET** (1) 2
McDonald (og) 26; Thackeray 88 — Freedman 44, 52 — 1,834

SCARBOROUGH (0) 3 **FULHAM** (0) 1
White 53; D'Auria 64; Scott 69 — Adams 61 — 2,050

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 **DARLINGTON** (1) 1
Gregory 15, 65 — Olsson 6 — 2,449

TORQUAY UTD (0) 0 **HEREFORD UTD** (1) 1
2,410 — White 6

WALSALL (0) 2 **COLCHESTER UTD** (0) 0
Lightbourne 71; O'Connor (pen) 83 — 3,622

WIGAN ATHLETIC (0) 0 **LINCOLN CITY** (1) 1
1,636 — Hall 12

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Devlin (Notts County), 58; Sheridan (Barnsley), 42; Tuttle (Sheffield United), 75.
Second division: Castle (Plymouth), 90; Priest (Chester), 37

GOALSCORERS

First division: 25 Fjortoft (Middlesbrough, 25 for Swindon) 23 Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers). 21 Creaney (Portsmouth) 18 Malkin (Tranmere Rovers); Whyte (Charlton Athletic) 17 Blake (Sheffield United); McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers), Kelly (Wolverhampton Wanderers). 16 Foyle (Port Vale). 15 Hendrie (Middlesbrough). 14 McCarthy (Oldham Athletic), Bull (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Nogan (Burnley, 12 for Brighton), Scott (Stoke City. 12 for Swindon)

Second division: 38 Bennett (Wrexham). 26 Booth (Huddersfield Town). 25 Goater (Rotherham United) 24 Forster (Brentford) 23 Moody (Oxford United) 22 Taylor (Brentford) Jepson (Huddersfield Town); Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 21 Francis (Birmingham City, 13 for Stockport) 20 Corazzin (Cambridge United) 19 Miller (Bristol Rovers). 18 Charlery (Peterborough United) 17 Barnes (York City). Claridge (Birmingham City). Butler (Cambridge United).

Third division: 25 Freedman (Barnet). 22 Wilkinson (Mansfield Town). *Lightbourne (Walsall).* Reeves (Carlisle) 21 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff) 17 Wilson (Walsall) 15 White (Hereford United) 14 Carter (Bury). Hadley (Mansfield Town); Pike (Gillingham); Whitehall (Rochdale) 13 Houchen (Hartlepool United); Pugh (Bury).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (0) 0 **KILMARNOCK** (0) 1
12,500 — Skilling 50

CELTIC (0) 1 **MOTHERWELL** (0) 1
Walker 78 — Coyne (pen) 50 — 24,047

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 **RANGERS** (2) 2
11,500 — Durie 1; McLaren 8

HEARTS (0) 0 **FALKIRK** (1) 1
9,003 — McGrillen 41

PARTICK (0) 2 **HIBERNIAN** (1) 2
Foster 46, (pen) 84 — Wright 13; Harper 61 — 4,341

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE (0) 2 **STRANRAER** (0) 0
Cooper 51; Smith 73 — 811

AYR (0) 0 **RAITH** (1) 1
1,995 — Kirkwood 45

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 **DUNDEE** (1) 1
Bierman 83 — Shaw 45 — 8,407

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 **CLYDEBANK** (0) 0
O'Boyle 20 — 3,336

ST MIRREN (0) 3 **HAMILTON** (1) 2
Lavety 47; Baker 55; Inglis 64 — McCulloch 26; McEntegart (pen) 84 — 3,000

SECOND DIVISION

DUMBARTON (3) 4 **BRECHIN** (0) 1
Mooney 8, 23; Meechan 44; Fabiani 47 — McKellar 82 — 1,103

EAST FIFE (0) 0 **BERWICK** (1) 1
702 — Irvine 16

MEADOWBANK (0) 0 **CLYDE** (1) 1
377 — Dickson 35

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1 **STIRLING** (1) 3
Dellor 81 — Watters 3; Gibson 64; McLeod 71 — 1,056

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 **G MORTON** (0) 1
Sprott (pen) 50 — Lilley 68 — 1,200

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION (0) 0 **FORFAR** (2) 3
270 — Ross 10, 61; McCormack 23

ALLOA (0) 2 **COWDENBEATH** (1) 1
McCulloch 70; Cadden 84 — Conn 23 — 367

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 **CALEY THIS** (0) 0
Geraghty 2 — 394

MONTROSE (4) 5 **ARBROATH** (0) 0
McGlashan 18, (pen) 32; McMillan (og) 38; Smith 40; Cooper 90 — 1,179

ROSS COUNTY (1) 1 **QUEEN'S PARK** (0) 0
Duff 27 — 1,469

SENDINGS OFF

Premier division: Weir, (Hibernian) 82
Third division: Maratea (Cowdenbeath), 73

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 **BATH CITY** (0) 0
Constable 90 — 733

BROMSGROVE R (0) 2 **MACCLESFIELD** (2) 2
Skelding (pen) 76; Stott 88 — Wood 29; Askey 30 — 1,233

DOVER ATH (1) 1 **SOUTHPORT** (0) 2
Lewis 29 — Blackhurst 64, 70 — 1,164

FARNBOROUGH (4) 5 **TELFORD** (1) 3
Read 14; Harlow (pen) 34; Boothe 43; Denny 45, 64 — Wilcox 11; Myers 62; Fowler 63 — 634

GATESHEAD (0) 2 **WELLING UTD** (0) 0
Dobson 69, (pen) 85 — 764

HALIFAX TOWN (0) 0 **STEVENAGE BOR** (2) 2
753 — Venables 40; Fortune-West 45

KETTERING TOWN (1) 2 **DAG & RED** (0) 2
Alford 18; Thomas 65 — McDonough (pen) 75; Shipp 76 — 1,581

MERTHYR TYDFIL (0) 0 **KIDDERMINSTER** (0) 1
616 — Dawes 88

NORTHWICH VIC (0) 2 **WOKING** (0) 2
Turpin 49; Cook 90 — Fielder 74; Payne 83 — 829

STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 **RUNCORN** (0) 0
616

YEOVIL TOWN (1) 1 ***STAFFORD RAN*** (0) 0
Black 19 — 1,902

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	33	14	3	2	39	14	8	3	3	25	15	72
2 Kettering	36	11	5	3	35	19	5	4	8	23	24	57
3 Southport	35	10	3	4	40	19	7	3	8	17	27	57
4 Altrincham	33	9	1	8	32	26	8	4	3	37	21	56
5 Gateshead	36	11	4	4	35	10	5	4	8	25	35	56
6 Woking	32	7	6	2	32	18	8	4	5	25	25	55
7 Halifax	35	11	4	3	43	16	4	5	8	17	31	54
8 Stevenage	34	9	2	6	34	22	7	3	7	20	18	53
9 Kidderminster	36	6	5	7	25	22	8	4	6	31	30	51
10 Farnborough	35	8	5	5	21	22	6	3	8	16	27	50
11 Bromsgrove	36	7	7	3	36	30	5	4	10	21	31	47
12 Runcorn	35	10	5	2	34	23	3	3	12	17	39	47
13 Northwich	34	6	7	5	33	26	5	5	6	26	25	45
14 Stalybridge	36	9	3	5	25	22	2	7	10	21	40	43
15 Bath	36	6	6	5	36	26	4	6	9	19	29	42
16 Dag & Red	37	6	4	7	23	28	4	8	8	25	36	42
17 Dover	34	4	9	3	21	18	5	5	8	19	26	41
18 Telford	34	9	6	2	25	14	1	5	11	18	35	41
19 Welling	34	8	2	7	29	29	4	3	10	21	35	41
20 Merthyr	32	9	3	6	33	24	1	4	9	14	29	37
21 Yeovil	35	5	4	8	20	22	3	5	10	19	34	32
22 Stafford	36	3	4	9	24	28	3	6	11	22	44	28

Yeovil deducted one point



Fabrizio Ravanelli, the Juventus forward, having lobbed the goalkeeper, heads his team ahead in their 2-0 victory over AC Milan in an Italian League match

EUROPEAN

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Standard Liege 1 Lommel 0; Charleroi 1 Lierse 0; Saint-Truiden 0 Aalst 0; Mechelen 1 Anderlecht 1; Antwerp 0 Beveren 0; Molenbeek 0 Ekeren 0; Ghent 1 FC Liege 0; Ostend 0 Cercle Brugge 2; Club Brugge 3 Seraing 3. Positions: 1, Standard Liege, played 28, 44 points; 2, Anderlecht, 27, 42; 3, Club Brugge, 26, 37.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Go Ahead Eagles 1 Dordrecht 3; Willem II 1 Vitesse Arnhem 1; Maastricht 0 Twente Enschede 1; Nijmegen 3 Roda JC Kerkrade 1; FC Groningen 3 PSV Eindhoven 2; FC Utrecht 0 RKC Waalwijk 0; FC Volendam 0 Feyenoord 3; Sparta Rotterdam 1 Breda 2.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Montpellier 3 Caen 2; Martigues 2 Auxerre 1; St Etienne 1 Monaco 0; Rennes 1 Lyons 1; Bordeaux 1 Bastia 0; Nice 1 Lille 0; Le Havre 0 Metz 3; Sochaux 0 Strasbourg 1; Paris Saint-Germain 2 Cannes 1. Positions: 1, Nantes, played 30, 66 points; 2, Lyons, 30, 57; 3, Paris Saint-Germain, 30, 54.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 SC Freiburg 2; 1860 Munich 3 Dynamo Dresden 1; FC Kaiserslautern 0 SC Karlsruhe 0; Borussia Dortmund 3 Bayer Uerdingen 1; VfB Stuttgart 4 Bayer Leverkusen 2; FC Cologne 3 Bayern Munich 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Schalke 04 3; MSV Duisburg 3 VfL Bochum 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B Dortmund	24	15	6	3	51	22	36
Werder Bremen	23	15	4	4	47	25	34
Kaiserslautern	24	12	9	3	34	24	33
Moenchen'bach	24	13	6	5	51	28	32
SC Freiburg	24	14	4	6	50	35	32
Bayern Munich	24	9	12	3	41	32	30
SC Karlsruhe	24	8	10	6	33	30	26
VfB Stuttgart	24	8	8	8	42	43	24
FC Cologne	24	8	7	9	39	40	23
SV Hamburg	23	8	6	9	32	31	22
B Leverkusen	24	7	8	9	40	37	22
Schalke 04	24	7	8	9	33	35	22
E Frankfurt	24	7	7	10	28	38	21
B Uerdingen	24	3	10	11	23	35	16
1860 Munich	24	4	8	12	28	45	16
MSV Duisburg	24	4	7	13	20	41	15
VfL Bochum	24	6	2	16	28	51	14
D Dresden	24	3	6	15	21	45	12

ITALIAN LEAGUE: AS Roma 1 Parma 0; AC Milan 0 Juventus 2; Cremonese 0 Lazio 0; Fiorentina 4 Brescia 0; Foggia 4 Padova 1; *Genoa 1 Bari 1; Napoli 2 Sampdoria 0;* Reggiana 0 Inter Milan 1; Torino 3 Cagliari 2. Positions: 1, Juventus, played 25, 58 points; 2, Parma, 25, 49; 3, AC Roma, 25, 44; 4, AC Milan, 25, 42; 5, Lazio, 25, 41; 6, Fiorentina, 25, 39; 7, Inter Milan, 25, 36; 8, Torino, 25, 36; 9, Sampdoria, 25, 35; 10, Cagliari, 25, 35; 11, Napoli 25, 34; 12, Bari, 25, 31.

PORTUGAL: Farense 4 Benfica 1. Positions: 1, FC Porto played 26, 47 points; 2, Sporting Lisbon, 26, 43; 3, Benfica, 27, 37.

SPAIN: Valencia 1 Deportivo La Coruna 2; Real Zaragoza 3 Real Betis 0. Positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 26, 39 points; 2, Deportivo La Coruna, 27, 34; 3, Barcelona, 26, 34.

Endsleigh Insurance League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Middlesbro	39	13	3	4	36	16	8	6	5	23	17	72	59
2 Tranmere	39	16	2	1	48	19	4	6	10	14	25	68	62
3 Wolves	37	14	3	3	36	16	6	3	8	26	30	66	62
4 Reading	40	10	6	4	27	16	9	3	8	21	21	66	48
5 Bolton	37	14	4	1	40	12	4	7	7	20	25	65	60
6 Sheff Utd	40	11	7	2	33	15	5	7	8	31	30	62	64
7 Barnsley	38	13	4	2	37	16	5	4	10	20	29	62	57
8 Derby	39	11	5	3	35	17	6	5	9	20	23	61	55
9 Grimsby	40	10	6	4	34	19	4	7	9	23	33	55	57
10 Watford	38	10	6	3	27	16	4	7	8	17	25	55	44
11 Millwall	39	10	6	3	31	17	4	6	10	20	33	54	51
12 Luton	38	7	5	7	28	23	7	5	7	24	30	52	52
13 Charlton	38	9	5	6	28	22	5	5	8	22	30	52	50
14 Oldham	38	9	7	3	29	19	4	4	11	22	32	50	51
15 West Brom	40	11	2	7	26	23	3	6	11	16	29	50	42
16 Southend	40	10	2	8	25	22	3	6	11	17	45	47	42
17 Port Vale	39	10	4	6	28	22	2	6	11	20	35	46	48
18 Stoke	37	7	5	5	23	15	4	8	8	14	28	46	37
19 Portsmouth	40	7	7	6	27	26	4	5	11	18	33	45	45
20 Sunderland	40	4	10	6	18	19	6	5	9	17	21	45	35
21 Bristol City	40	7	8	5	24	25	3	3	14	14	31	41	38
22 Swindon	38	7	8	5	22	22	3	4	13	23	42	40	45
23 Burnley	39	6	6	7	29	29	3	5	12	11	36	38	40
24 Notts Co	39	6	7	7	24	25	2	3	14	18	32	34	42

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Brentford	39	13	3	4	40	12	10	4	5	32	19	76	72
2 Huddersfield	40	13	4	3	41	18	8	8	4	31	24	75	72
3 Birmingham	37	12	4	2	44	14	8	7	4	25	15	71	69
4 Bristol Rvrs	38	13	6	1	43	18	5	7	6	18	16	67	61
5 Oxford Utd	39	12	4	3	27	15	7	5	8	33	32	66	60
6 Crewe	38	12	1	6	39	29	7	5	7	26	33	63	65
7 Swansea	38	8	8	3	20	11	8	6	5	31	26	62	51
8 Wycombe	38	9	7	2	25	15	7	7	6	22	24	62	47
9 Hull	38	10	6	4	34	16	7	4	7	24	30	61	58
10 Blackpool	40	11	3	6	38	28	6	6	8	21	30	60	59
11 Bradford	39	8	6	6	28	26	8	5	6	27	26	59	55
12 York	39	10	4	5	30	18	7	3	10	23	28	58	53
13 Wrexham	38	9	6	5	36	25	5	7	6	24	30	55	60
14 Stockport	40	10	2	8	34	26	6	5	9	21	28	55	55
15 Brighton	40	7	9	4	22	14	5	5	10	25	32	50	47
16 Peterboro	39	4	10	5	22	28	7	6	7	27	36	49	49
17 Rotherham	40	11	5	4	34	24	1	7	12	17	32	48	51
18 Shrewsbury	39	8	8	4	36	23	3	5	11	18	28	46	48
19 Cambridge	40	6	8	6	29	27	2	6	12	18	38	38	47
20 Bournemth	40	6	4	10	23	34	3	7	10	17	31	38	40
21 Plymouth	38	5	4	9	18	30	4	3	13	19	42	34	35
22 Cardiff	39	4	5	10	21	26	4	4	12	20	39	33	41
23 L Orient	38	6	6	7	19	20	0	2	17	8	40	26	27
24 Chester	40	4	5	11	22	41	0	4	16	11	38	21	33

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	35	13	4	0	30	9	11	5	2	30	14	81	60
2 Chesterfield	35	10	6	2	20	6	9	4	4	30	25	67	50
3 Walsall	33	13	2	3	38	17	5	7	3	23	18	63	61
4 Bury	34	10	6	1	30	12	8	2	7	25	20	62	55
5 Mansfield	36	9	3	6	39	22	8	4	6	35	27	58	74
6 Preston	36	11	3	4	33	16	5	6	7	18	21	57	51
7 Doncaster	36	8	5	5	26	15	7	5	6	21	16	55	47
8 Scunthorpe	36	10	2	6	35	23	5	4	8	22	27	51	57
9 Colchester	35	7	5	6	23	25	7	3	7	21	27	50	44
10 Fulham	35	8	5	5	32	22	4	8	5	17	24	49	49
11 Barnet	35	7	6	4	30	18	6	4	8	14	30	49	44
12 Torquay	36	9	6	3	30	22	3	3	12	15	29	45	45
13 Lincoln	34	9	6	2	29	15	3	3	11	14	29	45	43
14 Rochdale	35	7	5	5	22	19	4	7	7	19	35	45	41
15 Wigan	34	4	5	7	21	24	7	4	7	25	26	42	46
16 Hereford	36	7	5	6	16	17	3	5	10	22	38	40	38
17 Darlington	36	6	4	8	21	23	4	3	11	15	26	37	36
18 Northamptn	36	6	4	8	20	26	1	9	8	17	28	34	37
19 Gillingham	34	6	5	5	23	18	2	4	12	14	38	33	37
20 Hartlepool	36	7	4	7	25	29	1	5	12	9	33	33	34
21 Exeter	35	5	4	8	22	29	3	4	11	9	29	32	31
22 Scarboro	35	3	6	9	21	27	4	2	11	19	31	29	40

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	30	9	4	1	24	8	8	4	4	28	18	59	+26
2 Motherwell	30	6	6	3	24	20	5	6	4	19	22	45	+1
3 Hibernian	30	8	6	1	33	15	1	10	4	8	14	43	+12
4 Celtic	29	5	8	2	19	15	3	9	2	12	10	41	+6
5 Falkirk	30	6	3	5	19	19	3	8	5	20	23	38	-3
6 Hearts	29	8	4	3	23	11	2	3	9	13	28	37	-3
7 Kilmarnock	30	7	3	4	18	11	2	6	8	16	29	36	-6
8 Dundee Utd	30	6	6	3	23	16	2	3	10	11	30	33	-12
9 Aberdeen	30	5	7	4	20	15	1	4	9	12	24	29	-7
10 Partick	28	3	8	4	19	19	3	2	8	10	24	28	-14

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dundee	30	10	3	2	31	14	7	4	4	22	16	58	+23
2 Dunfermline	30	9	4	2	30	10	6	7	2	26	20	56	+26
3 Raith	29	7	7	1	25	16	8	3	3	21	12	55	+18
4 Airdrie	30	6	6	4	21	13	9	2	3	25	16	53	+17
5 St Johnstone	30	9	5	1	32	11	3	6	4	16	19	49	+18
6 Hamilton	30	7	2	5	20	18	3	4	9	14	25	36	-9
7 Clydebank	28	3	5	6	15	17	3	5	7	11	19	28	-10
8 St Mirren	30	4	5	6	15	17	1	7	7	12	27	27	-17
9 Ayr	30	4	5	7	18	24	0	5	9	7	27	22	-26
10 Stranraer	30	3	4	7	13	24	1	1	14	10	39	17	-40

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dumbarton	30	11	3	2	39	14	4	4	6	12	16	52	+21
2 G Morton	30	9	4	1	26	10	4	5	7	15	18	48	+13
3 Stenhsmuir	30	6	9	1	22	13	6	3	5	18	20	48	+7
4 Berwick	30	9	4	1	18	9	4	4	8	26	31	47	+4
5 Clyde	30	6	5	4	28	20	6	4	5	20	20	45	+8
6 Stirling	30	6	3	5	22	17	7	3	6	24	22	45	+7
7 East Fife	30	7	2	7	29	24	4	6	4	14	20	41	-1
8 Queen of S	30	4	3	8	21	24	4	6	5	17	23	33	-9
9 Meadowbnk	30	5	2	8	13	17	4	2	9	19	30	28	-15
10 Brechin	30	4	3	8	15	23	2	1	12	6	33	22	-35

Meadowbank deducted three points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	29	11	2	0	32	10	9	2	5	22	17	64	+27
2 East Stirling	28	9	1	5	24	15	7	3	3	29	22	52	+16
3 Ross County	29	8	1	5	31	19	7	5	3	21	14	51	+19
4 Montrose	28	7	3	5	28	16	7	3	3	23	13	48	+22
5 Alloa	30	8	4	6	18	19	7	3	4	25	22	48	+2
6 Caley This	29	4	6	3	23	26	6	2	6	18	25	38	-10
7 Cowdenbth	30	3	4	7	19	26	7	1	8	23	20	35	-8
8 Arbroath	30	5	3	8	19	22	5	1	8	23	34	34	-14
9 Queen's Pk	29	5	2	8	19	25	3	3	8	19	26	29	-13
10 Albion	28	2	0	12	12	31	1	3	10	8	32	12	-43

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Barrow 1 Droylsden 1, Bishop Auckland 2 Emley 2; Colwyn Bay 1 Buxton 2, Guiseley 2 Chorley 1, Hyde 1 Boston 0; Knowsley 2 Spennymoor 0; Matlock 0 Accrington Stanley 1, Whitley Bay 0 Marine 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	37	26	9	2	74	24	87
Morecambe	35	23	8	4	81	31	77
Guiseley	35	23	8	4	81	46	77
Boston Utd	36	18	9	9	70	34	63
Hyde	34	17	7	10	63	47	58
Spennymoor	34	16	7	11	53	45	55
Gainsboro	36	14	11	11	60	54	53
B Auckland	35	15	7	13	59	48	52
Witton	37	13	13	11	48	48	52
Buxton	35	15	6	14	52	53	51
Barrow	*36*	*15*	*4*	*17*	*56*	*61*	*49*
Emley	36	12	12	12	54	57	48
Colwyn Bay	34	14	5	15	63	64	47
A Stanley	37	10	12	15	43	69	42
Knowsley	35	10	10	15	52	64	40
Chorley	37	11	6	20	58	75	39
Winsford	36	9	10	17	52	64	37
Matlock	33	11	3	19	42	54	36
Frickley	34	8	9	17	45	61	33
Droylsden	35	9	6	20	46	80	33
Whitley Bay	38	7	8	23	43	86	29
Horwich	*37*	*8*	*4*	*25*	*45*	*76*	*28*

First division: Alfreton 1 Harrogate 0. Ashton 2 Blyth Spartans 5. Atherton LR 2 Curzon Ashton 0; Bamber Bridge 3 Caernarfon 1; Fleetwood 0 Farsley Celtic 2 Goole 0 Lancaster 0; Gretna 2 Congleton 2; Netherfield 0 Mossley 3. Radcliffe 4 Great Harwood 0. Warrington 2 Worksop 0 Workington 0 Eastwood 1

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 1. Chelmsford 2 Cambridge City 0. Crawley 0 Leek 1; Dorchester 1 Solihull 1; Gloucester 2 Trowbridge 0. Halesowen 1 Cheltenham 1 Hastings 1 Corby 1; Rushden and Diamonds 2 Atherstone 2. Sittingbourne 1 VS Rugby 1 Sudbury 3 Hednesford 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	34	22	8	4	77	38	74
Cheltenham	33	22	7	4	74	28	73
Gloucester	36	22	6	8	71	36	72
Burton	34	15	13	6	46	34	58
Rushden	31	16	7	8	82	45	55
Dorchester	32	15	9	8	59	41	54
Leek Town	32	15	8	9	57	45	53
Cambridge C	33	15	6	12	49	44	51
Gresley Rvs	34	14	9	11	58	54	51
Worcester	35	12	12	11	38	30	48
Halesowen	*34*	*12*	*10*	*12*	*68*	*61*	*46*
Gravesend	33	10	10	13	29	42	40
Hastings	32	9	12	11	39	40	39
Solihull	36	8	14	14	35	55	38
Chelmsford	31	10	5	16	42	46	35
Atherstone	33	8	10	15	39	58	34
Sudbury Town	32	9	7	16	41	66	34
VS Rugby	34	7	12	15	34	52	33
Crawley Town	32	8	8	16	45	62	32
Sittingbne	34	7	7	20	34	64	28
Trowbridge	34	5	12	17	28	54	27
Corby Town	33	4	10	19	32	82	21

Corby Town deducted 1 point for fielding ineligible player

Midland division: Armitage 0 Sutton Coldfield 3; Dudley 2 Warwick 2; Forest Green 2 Bilston 1; King's Lynn 3 Bedworth 1, Leicester 1 Ilkeston 4; Moor Green 1 Tamworth 4 Newport AFC 0 Stourbridge 2; Redditch 0 Nuneaton 2.

Southern division: Bashley 0 Weston-Super-Mare 2; Burnham 1 Salisbury 2; Clevedon 4 Fisher 93 1; Havant 3 Braintree 0, Margate 1 Fareham 3; Newport IOW 3 Erith and Belvedere 0. Waterlooville 4 Tonbridge 2. Wealdstone 2 Poole 2. Weymouth 1 Witney 1, Yate 0 Baldock 3.

DIADORA

Premier division: Aylesbury 5 Carshalton 0; Bromley 0 Hitchin 2; Chesham 1 Yeading 1. Dulwich 0 Bishop's Stortford 2; Grays 2 Wokingham 0. Hayes 1 Enfield 4. Marlow 0 Hendon 0. Molesey 2 Harrow 0; Purfleet 0 Kingstonian 3. Slough 0 Walton and Hersham 0, Sutton 5 St Albans 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	32	19	8	5	75	36	65
Hayes	33	17	11	5	48	31	62
Aylesbury	32	17	5	10	66	40	56
Slough	30	15	10	5	58	41	55
Bromley	35	15	9	11	58	55	54
St Albans	30	14	9	7	78	63	51
Molesey	32	15	6	11	53	43	51
Carshalton	36	14	7	15	56	68	49
Harrow	33	14	5	14	53	53	47
Walton	34	12	10	12	66	56	46
Kingstonian	33	13	7	13	55	46	46
Purfleet	35	12	10	13	68	76	46
Grays	35	10	15	10	48	50	45
Dulwich	33	12	8	13	53	58	44
Hitchin	31	10	11	10	49	53	41
Yeading	33	9	13	11	48	51	40
Hendon	32	9	10	13	40	50	37
B Stortford	34	9	10	15	44	65	37
Sutton Utd	31	9	8	14	49	48	35
Chesham	32	7	8	17	47	68	29
Marlow	31	6	9	16	37	59	27
Wokingham	33	5	5	23	34	73	20

First division: Aldershot 2 Wembley 1; Barking 2 Newbury 2, Berkhamsted 2 Basingstoke 3, Billericay 2 Staines 5. Bognor Regis 1 Maidenhead 1. Boreham Wood 4 Leyton 1, Chertsey 3 Abingdon 1, Dorking 2 Wivenhoe 2. Uxbridge 2 Tooting and Mitcham 0 Whyteleafe 5 Heybridge Swifts 3, Worthing 2 Ruislip Manor 0

Second division: Bracknell 2 Witham 3, Chalfont Saint Peter 0 Banstead 0; Edgware 4 Croydon 2. Egham 1 Barton 2; Hampton 1 Cheshunt 1 Hungerford 3 Saffron Walden 1. Metropolitan Police 6 Malden Vale 1, Oxford City 2 Leatherhead 1 Ware 3 Aveley 2 Windsor and Eton 1 Tilbury 2

Third division: Bedford 3 Lewes 1, Canvey Island 1 Camberley 0; Clapton 1 Harefield 2, Cove 2 Horsham 4, East Thurrock 1 Tring 1 Epsom and Ewell 1 Collier Row 0; Flackwell Heath 1 Hornchurch 3. Harlow 1 *Leighton 4; Kingsbury 0 Northwood 1;* Southall 5 Feltham and Hounslow 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Arnold 2 Pickering 2; Belper 1 Hucknall 2; Brigg 1 Denaby 2. Glasshoughton Welfare 0 Armthorpe Welfare 1. Hatfield 1 Lincoln 1; Liversedge 4 Ossett Albion 0 Maltby MW 0 North Ferriby 5 Ossett Town 0 Pontefract Collieries 3. Stocksbridge PS 1 Ashfield 2; Thackley 6 Sheffield 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridport 1 Frome 0; Calne 1 Torrington 1. Chippenham 1 Barnstaple 1, Elmore 3 Odd Down 0 Paulton 1 Liskeard 1, Taunton 0 Westbury 0. Tiverton 3 Mangotsfield 0

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Chatteris 1 Woodbridge 1, Cornard 0 Halstead 4; Fakenham 2 Diss 0; Felixstowe 2 Histon 0. Great Yarmouth 1 Tiptree 1, Harwich and Parkeston 3 Soham 2; March 0 Lowestoft 0; Newmarket 3 Sudbury 2 Wisbech 0 Wroxham 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 3 Rossendale 0; Chadderton 1 Maine Road 2, Clitheroe 2 Kidsgrove 1, Eastwood Hanley 0 Darwen 3; Glossop North End 2 Skelmersdale 1, Penrith 3 Newcastle T 0, Salford 0 Bradford PA 2. St Helens 1 Blackpool R 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street 3 RTM Newcastle 2; Consett 1 Seaham Red Star 4; Ferryhill 0 Peterlee 1; Guisborough 1 Dunston FB 1; Murton 0 Durham 2; Shildon 1 Northallerton 0; Tow Law 1 Hebburn 0. West Auckland 0 Billingham Synthonia 4 Whitby 1 Bedlington 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION. First division: Portsmouth 0 West Ham 4.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd 2 Gillingham 1; Charlton 1 Millwall 3; Leyton Orient 0 Tottenham 4; QPR 0 Fulham 4, Southend 1 Norwich 0; Watford 2 Chelsea 1; West Ham 8 Portsmouth 0 Second division: Bournemouth 2 Luton 4: Bristol City 1 Southampton 2; Swindon 1 Crystal Palace 0; Tottenham 1 Brighton 3; Wimbledon 1 Bristol Rovers 0.

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwood 0 Southend Manor 0, East Ham 1 Concord 1, Eton Manor 0 Hullbridge Sports 2; Maldon 0 Great Wakering 3; Romford 2 Bowers 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon 0 Almondsbury 3; Brackley 0 Cinderford 7, Carterton 0 Pegasus Juniors 1, Fairford 2 Banbury 0, North Leigh 2 Tuffley 1, Shortwood 3 Cirencester 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmere St Michaels 4 Brierley Hill 2, Chasetown 2 Rushall 2; Hinckley Athletic 1 Halesowen Harr 0; Paget 1 Barwell 1; Rocester 1 Boldmere Swifts 1; Stapenhill 0 Pershore 3. Stratford 1 Sandwell 1, West Midlands Police 1 Shifnal 1, Willenhall 2 Knypersley 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totton 0 Andover 2, Bournemouth 2 East Cowes 1; Brockenhurst 1 Portsmouth RN 3, Cowes Sports 1 BAT 0; Eastleigh 1 Thatcham 2: Fleet 0 Lymington 0; Gosport 2 Downton 1, Horndean 0 Aerostructures 3, Petersfield 1 Christchurch 4. Ryde Sports 4 Swanage and Herston 2, Wimborne 3 Bemerton Heath Harl 0.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cranleigh 1 Sandhurst 0: DCA Basingstoke 0 Viking Sports 1; Farnham 0 Peppard 3; Godalming and Guildford 1 Chipstead 1, Merstham 2 Ash 2. Challenge cup: Third round: Westfield 0 Eton Wick 1, Netherne 1 Ashford 2.

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford University 1 Cambridge University 0

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 2 Crockenhill 0; Chatham 0 Ramsgate 2; Cray 0 Faversham 0; Darenth Heathside 0 Corinthian 2; Folkestone Invicta 1 Herne Bay 2; Greenwich 1 Sheppey 6; Kent Police 0 Thamesmead 4. Slade Green 2 Dartford 2. Tunbridge Wells 2 Canterbury 2; Whitstable 0 Furness 3.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien Butchers Challenge Trophy: Totternhoe 3 Welwyn GC 0. Premier Division: Biggleswade 1 Dunstable 0; Brache Sparta 4 Letchworth GC 3; Buckingham 2 Hatfield 2; Harpenden 0 Langford 1; Milton Keynes 1 Royston 0; Potters Bar 2 Hoddesdon 0; Wingate and Finchley 1 Shillington 1.

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Premier division: Chelmsley 1 Bloxwich 1, Coleshill 0 Northfield 2. Highgate 1 Kings Heath 4, Mile Oak 2 Ansells 0; Olton Royale 1 Handrahan Timbers 3; Sherwood 2 Shirley 3.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 0 Hanwell 0, Barkingside 4 Brimsdown 1, Brook House 3 Beaconsfield 0, Corinthian 1 Haringey 0, St Margaretsbury 1 Hillingdon 1; Tower Hamlets 1 Willesden 1; Waltham Abbey 0 Croydon 0; Walthamstow 0 Cockfosters 1.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne 2 Desborough 1 Eynesbury 1 Raunds 1, Holbeach 1 Kempston 0, Northampton Spencer 3 Stamford 0; Potton 1 Spalding 1; Stotfold 0 Boston 1; Wellingborough 0 S and L Corby 3

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bilston 1 Hill Top 3; Malvern 0 Manders 0; Pelsall Villa 3 Gornal 1, Stafford 2 Lye 1; Stourport 0 Bloxwich 3. Tividale 0 Blakenall 2. Walsall Wood 4 Ettingshall HT 2, Wednesfield 2 Ludlow 1. Westfields 1 Cradley 0

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 2 Wilsonians 1; Chertsey 2 Ignatians 3; Aloysians 0 Meadonians 2 Danes 1 Glyn 1; Clapham 0 Hamptonians 0. Senior first division: Salvatorians 1 Latymer R 3; Wokingians 0 Isleworthians 4, Kingsburians 0 Tiffinians 3; Suttonians 4 Edmontonians 1. Senior second division: Minchendenians 2 Manorians 2; Meadonians R 1 Westhamians 2; Ignatians R 0 Enfield 7. Senior third division: Chorleywood *0 Grocers 2; Latymer R* 4 Vaughanians 0: Greenfordians 0 Leyton 0. Senior cup: Final: Old Esthamians 3 O Tenisonians 0.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: South Bank Poly 1 East Barnet OG 2; Nat West Bank 2 Winchmore Hill 2; Midland Bank 2 Norsemen 1; Old Latymerians 4 Crouch End Vampires 4; West Wickham 1 Old Actonians 3. Second division: Polytechnic 1 Old Parmiterians 2; *Lensbury 3 Kew Association 2;* Alexandra Park 2 Broomfield 1, Carshalton 7 Old Westminster Citizens 3; Old Stationers 4 Old Parkonians 2. Third division: Bank of England 4 Reigate Priory 2; Barclays Bank 7 Merton 2; Brentham 1 Cuaco 5, O Lyonian 5 Alleyn OB 2; O Salesians 0 Southgate Olympic 2.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Nottsborough 2 Southgate County 0; Old Grammarians 1 Ulysses 0; Old Owens 2 *Mill Hill Village 1; St Marys College 0 Witan* 1; Wandsworth 1 Parkfield 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Old Owens	11	9	2	0	34	10	20
Witan	12	10	0	2	35	16	20
Nottsborough	11	7	2	2	36	16	16
Southgate	13	4	4	5	16	18	12
Ulysses	11	5	2	4	21	15	12
O Grammarians	12	5	3	4	16	24	12
Parkfield	11	3	2	6	14	27	8
Mill Hill	14	2	1	11	16	43	5
St Mary's Coll	*6*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*9*	*9*	*4*
Wandsworth	11	0	2	9	10	34	2

Senior Second: Hadley 0 Albanian R 3; Ealing Association 0 Duncombe Sports 0; Hale End 4 Old Fairlopians 0; Old Finchleians 2 Corinthian Casuals 3. Senior Third: Birkbeck College 3 Brent 2, City of London 4 Fulham Compton OB 1; Old Monovians 3 Old Colleans 0

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Final: Old Foresters 1 Old Salopians 2. Premier Division: Malvernians 2 Aldenhamians 0, Reptonians 0 Lancing 1.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 5 Porthmadog 1, Afan Lido 0 Bangor City 1, Conwy 3 Maesteg Park 0, Flint Town 2 Ebbw Vale 2; Holywell 1 Cwmbran 4; Llanelli 2 Mold 1; Llansantffraid 1 Barry 1; Rhyl 4 Caersws 3; Ton Pentre 4 Connah's Quay 2, Inter Cardiff 0 Newtown 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	32	25	4	3	83	23	79
Newtown	31	19	6	6	74	34	63
Cwmbran	33	19	4	10	62	44	61
Ton Pentre	29	17	7	5	63	36	58
Afan Lido	28	17	6	5	45	28	57
Flint Town	31	15	3	13	60	53	48
Llansant'aid	30	14	6	10	52	46	48
Holywell	31	13	8	10	55	50	47
Rhyl	33	14	4	15	64	60	46
Conwy	33	13	6	14	55	54	45
I Cardiff	30	11	9	10	47	35	42
Barry Town	30	10	11	9	55	49	41
Connah's Q	32	11	7	14	52	57	40
Ebbw Vale	32	10	7	15	44	51	37
Caersws	31	8	9	14	47	55	33
Porthmadog	32	9	6	17	47	62	33
Mold	32	9	4	19	48	74	31
Aberystwyth	31	6	11	14	48	65	29
Llanelli	33	7	5	21	53	99	26
Maesteg Pk	30	1	5	24	18	97	8

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 0 Crusaders 2, Bangor 2 Omagh 1; Carrick 0 Linfield 1, Cliftonville 1 Ards 0; Glenavon 3 Distillery 0, Glentoran 2 Newry 1; Larne 0 Ballyclare 0; Portadown 3 Coleraine 0.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2	3	1½	1½

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
3	1½	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3

FORECAST: Telephone claims for 23½ and 24pts: dividend forecast is possible jackpot with 8 jackpot draws, 4 score draws and 2 no-score draws.

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Oxford forced to endure pain without gain

David Miller reports on a Boat Race that went according to plan for Cambridge



Cambridge, whose victory was their third in succession, increase the pressure as Oxford start to wilt after their combative start in the Boat Race. Photograph: Marc Aspland

SPORT is full of people who are afraid of giving everything, body and soul, in an effort to win because they know that mentally they would not be able to handle the added pain if they still fail. Oxford gave a memorable performance in the Boat Race, heroic to those who knew the realities of pre-race form, only to find themselves crushed physically and broken beyond words emotionally.

In this most cruel of team sports, which gut-wrenchingly grinds along a course more than three times longer than the conventional international distance of two kilometres, Cambridge made the torture worse than had the winning margin been the same dismissive 14 lengths inflicted by Goldie on Isis in the second-eight contest. Cambridge now held off Oxford's expected early challenge, maintained their rhythm, refused to raise their strike-rate, and mercilessly just waited for Oxford hearts and blades to die. It was a victory crushing in its calculated precision.

When Richard Phelps, the Cambridge president, who was celebrating his third consecutive victory, mockingly proclaimed "this one's for Topolski" from the victory rostrum and his colleagues punched the air, it was not the denigration of the vanquished exhibited by Obholzer, of Oxford, in victory in 1991. It was acknowledgment that Cambridge had come through the psychological barrier of the mythology surrounding Dan Topolski, the Oxford coach.

It had indeed been a barrier. Cambridge had known for many months that they were equipped, in technique and experience, to win handsomely. Yet, as the day approached, and Topolski and Penny Chuter assiduously refined Oxford's random assembly of internationals; as momentary doubts overtook Cambridge during trial runs, and the hugely powerful world championship oarsman, Brownlee, from New Zealand, was struck down with illness on Thursday; and as the Oxford publicity machine moved into top gear, detecting magical improvement under the master coach, Cambridge at all costs had to keep their nerve.

Phelps, with his coaches, Robin Williams and Harry Mahon, ensured this was so. They were not to be intimidated. As Marko Banovic, the Olympian from Zagreb who revelled in representing Croatia in front of a global audience of 400 million, said afterwards: "Matching them over the first two minutes and delaying our effort to Hammersmith was part of our plan. We were calm and patient."

Phelps was no more emphatic afterwards than he had been, without overstatement, beforehand. "We knew they had four or five last minutes in them," he said, "and that they could move the boat quickly, but for a limited period. We were not surprised by their challenge at Harrods [just after the mile post] and had expected them possibly even to lead. We were doing what we do best, maintaining our rhythm economically, and we waited for them to crack. When Russell [Slatford, the cox], called for it approaching Hammersmith, we knew we had them."

Topolski would claim afterwards that it might have been different had Oxford won the Surrey station for the start, to protect them from the headwind that hit them the worse of the two boats on the outside at Hammersmith. Yet with the inside Middlesex bend instead of Surrey, surely Cambridge might have had clear water by Fulham so as to cross stations. All that must be hypothesis.

The truth is that Oxford were, all too predictably, outclassed. "We had a great first seven minutes, and I'm proud of them and very sad for them," Topolski reflected. "Cambridge are on a roll that has taken years to build up. They are slick, strong and attract good oarsmen to the university. Counter-attacking them will take time." He has another two years of his new contract to try to do so, to avoid a third defeat in his long association with the Dark Blue boat.

There was a poignant moment after it was all over. Jeremiah McLanahan, the Oxford president, who had rowed manfully at five, and who for six months and for 45 hours a week had been combining with Topolski to try to turn water into wine, had for an hour been shaking with the pain of failure. He had rowed the race with his baseball cap, as usual, worn back to front, but now the peak had been turned to hide the eyes that were fighting back the tears of a sensitive leader who feels guilty towards those he led.

Quietly, Topolski spoke reassuringly to him, placing a friendly hand against McLanahan's chest and telling him, with an older man's understanding smile, that there was not shame but achievement in what had just taken place. Yet so intense are the emotions of this two-horse race that Topolski had perhaps forgotten the anger he had felt when losing in 1967.

For hours, days, or even months, a defeated oarsman's life can seem overpoweringly empty, frustrated and wasted. There is no more cruel stage on which to fail.

Light Blue victors fly flag for British rowing

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

TWO Union Jacks on Harrods depository, flown on Boat Race day to help the pundits at Putney assess the wind and water conditions further up the course, heralded a British victory in the 141st boat race, British in so far that Cambridge, winners by four lengths, had five native Britons on board against Oxford's two (Mike Rosewell writes).

Oxford's chances were not improved when Cambridge won the toss and chose the Surrey station hoped for by the Oxford coaches, Penny Chuter and Dan Topolski. Oxford's race plan was adjusted accordingly.

"Hard to the mile, be no more than half a length down at Hammersmith and then race again from Chiswick Steps." Cambridge's orders from Robin Williams and Harry Mahon were: "Be patient, focus on your own rhythm. Don't let it become a slugging match because it will suit Oxford's game plan."

Patience prevailed. Oxford led briefly off the start but Cambridge hit a better early rhythm, overcoming Oxford pressure both from the rowers and their coxswain, Abbie Chapman, who tried, and succeeded in, pushing Cambridge over approaching the Fulham bend despite the umpire's warnings and a near clash of oars.

Russell Slatford, the Cambridge cox, said: "I was amazed how far to Surrey we were when the umpire let her do it." But his crew had given him a vital lead of two-thirds of a length by Craven Cottage and he moved marginally to give Oxford's stroke side the upset of his bow-side puddles. Oxford fought, though, and Cambridge, at the same rate of 35 but looking steadier, were only one second up at the mile.

They gained little more until the Union Jacks of Harrods and Oxford's hoped-for maximum deficit of half a length at Hammersmith began to look possible. But Slatford's line to the bridge and a push from his men produced a quick one-length extra advantage and Oxford's contact, and cause, were lost.

In the post race mêlée, Williams, Cambridge's chief coach and quiet architect of success, was less evident than most. Williams has one of Saturday's crew back next year, the stroke, Miles Barnett, and four possibles from Goldie, who overpowered their Oxford counterparts.

Topolski said after the race: "You cannot expect our new system to bear fruit in just a year." He has four of his crew returning to lay the base for next year.

View from the towpath, page 30

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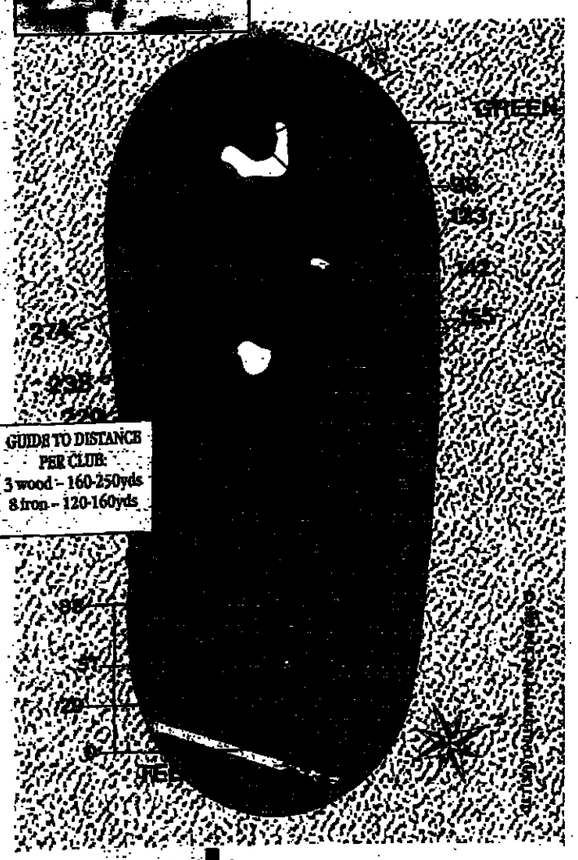
SECOND WEEK'S WINNERS

Nick Price's actual yardage on the 18th hole at Turnberry in the 1994 Open was: No 1 iron 263yds, No 7 iron 165yds, putter 10yds, putter 1yd
John Daly's actual yardage on the ninth hole in the 1994 Open was: driver 330yds, Sand Wedge 131yds, Putter 1yd.
Last week's holiday in Florida was won by Will Graveney of Fenny Compton. The Sunday Times prize of Wilson clubs was won by J Cox of Ferndown, Dorset. The Times prize was won by John Graham of Colchester.



TODAY'S hole in our Golf Masters Challenge features the 13th at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, played by Hale Irwin in the 1994 Heritage Classic. This is a 378yd par four and Irwin completed it in three shots. Taking a moderate north north easterly wind into account, he teed off with a No 3 wood and reached the green with a No 8 iron, then used a putter for his third shot.

SKY SPORTS adds the Ryder Cup in September to its golf coverage



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Today we publish the sixth hole in the Golf Masters Challenge accompanied by details of how many shots a leading professional golfer, Hale Irwin, took to play the hole, the clubs he used and the prevailing weather conditions. The seventh hole appears in *The Sunday Times* next week.

To play today's hole study the Strokesaver map taking into account the yardage guides which give both distances from the tee and yardages to the green. They also show obstacles that might prevent the golfer from hitting the ball in a straight line, such as water and trees.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROAD RUNNING: Harrow (Hatch End): 10km: 1, S Jones (Newport) 29:44; 2, I Benvaty (Woodford G) 31:31; 3, J Crichlow (Watford) 31:34. Team: 1, Watford 126. Women: 1, C Horne (Crawley) 35.11; 2, D van Rensberg (Shaftesbury B) 35.42; 3, N Slater (Radley) 36 31. Team: 1, N London 23.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: *Boston 100 Miami 99; New York 101 Dallas* 90; Philadelphia 85 Portland 85; Cleveland 98 Washington 88; Denver 107 Indiana 92; Orlando 101 Utah 98, San Antonio 118 Milwaukee 102; Phoenix 108 Minnesota 96; Seattle 120 Sacramento 95; LA Lakers 121 Atlanta 107. Saturday: Chicago 91 Philadelphia 84, Milwaukee 93 Houston 87. Minnesota 126 Golden State 104; LA Clippers 116 Utah 98.

NCAA: Semi-finals: UCLA 74 Oklahoma State 61, North Carolina 68 Arkansas 75.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Hemel Hempstead 83 Manchester 103; Sunderland 88 Worthing 112; Thames Valley 111 Derby 86.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: Indoor national championships: Fours: First round: Leicester bt Lawson Park 24-11; Worthing bt Plymouth CS 21-12. Cyphers bt Preston; Brighton 24-17; Concordia bt Wymondham D 18-17. Essex Co bt Darlington 22-13; Exmouth M bt Banister Park 19-18; Nottingham bt Egham 22-18; White Knights bt Perdiswell 26-11; Scunthorpe bt Dorchester 18-13; N Walsham bt Christie Miller 18-16; Mote Park bt Wellingborough 21-12. Cambridge Park bt Rugby Thornfield 25-16, Ipswich bt Herts Watford 22-5; Sunderland bt Isis 18-12: Barking bt Watchet 31-18; Peterborough bt York 18-12. Second round: Leicester bt Worthing 25-20; Cyphers bt Concordia 23-11; Essex Co bt Exmouth M 29-9, White Knights bt Nottingham 25-11; Scunthorpe bt N Walsham 22-18; Cambridge Park bt Mote Park 20-14; Ipswich bt Sunderland 22-20; Peterborough bt Barking 29-22. Quarter-finals: Leicester bt Cyphers 19-12; White Knights bt Essex Co 24-20, Cambridge Park bt Scunthorpe 29-21; Ipswich bt Peterborough 19-18.

BOXING

DETROIT: World Boxing Union cruiserweight championship: Thomas Hearns (US) bt Lenny Lapaglia (US), ko 1st.
ANAHEIM, California: World Boxing Council featherweight championship: Alejandro Gonzalez (Mex) bt Louis Espinoza (US), pts.
STATELINE, Nevada: World Boxing Association light heavyweight championship: Virgil Hill (US, holder) bt Crawford Ashley (GB), pts.
TOKYO: World Boxing Council bantamweight championship: Yasuei Yakushiji (Japan, holder) bt Cuauhtemoc Gomez (Mex), pts.
JEAN, Nevada: World Boxing Council strawweight championship: Ricardo Lopez (Mex) bt Andy Tabanas (Phi), rsf 12th.
LEVALLOIS-PERRET, France: European welterweight championship: Valery Kayumba (Fr) bt José-Luis Navarro (Sp), rsf 8th.

EQUESTRIANISM

PARIS: Volvo World Cup Grand Prix: 1, R-Y Bost (FRA) Souviens Toi III Equus, 33.48sec; 2, T Fuchs (Swi) Major A C Folien, 34.24; 3, L Beerbaum (GER) Sprehe Ratina Z, 34.67.

GOLF

NAIROBI: Senior masters tournament: Final round (GB and Ire unless stated): 209: B Huggett 70, 67, 72. 210: A Garrido (Sp) 68, 68, 74. 211: T Horton 71, 66, 74. 212: D Creamer 68, 71, 75; J Morgan 70, 70, 72; A Croce (It) 70, 70, 72. 214: D Jimenez (US) 70, 70, 74. 216: J Carr (US) 74, 69, 73; M Gregson 68, 75, 73. 217: M Murphy 73, 69, 75; H Inggs (SA) 72, 70, 75; B Waites 68, 71, 78.

CRICKET

One-day international

New Zealand v Sri Lanka

AUCKLAND: Sri Lanka beat New Zealand by 51 runs

SRI LANKA

A P Gurusinha b Cairns ... 108
S T Jayasuriya c and b Patel ... 49
P A de Silva c and b Patel ... 9
*A Ranatunga b Pringle ... 39
R S Kalpage c Rutherford b Cairns ... 9
†H P Tillekeratne c Fleming b Pringle ... 16
C Mendis not out ... 3
C P Vaas not out ... 1
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 3, nb 3) ... 16
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) ... 250

R S Kalpage, M Muralitharan and J Gamage did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-106, 3-219, 4-224, 5-238, 6-246.

BOWLING: Pringle 10-0-56-2; Patel 10-1-28-2; Cairns 10-0-45-2; Vaughan 4-0-30-0; Larsen 10-0-49-0; Astle 6-1-32-0.

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young b Gamage ... 6
M J Greatbatch c de Silva b Muralitharan 43
N Astle b Jayasuriya ... 35
*K R Rutherford c Jayasuriya b de Silva 30
C L Cairns c Gamage b Jayasuriya 15
S P Fleming b Jayasuriya ... 16
†A C Parore c Mendis b Kalpage ... 19
D N Patel c Mendis b Kalpage ... 11
J Vaughan run out ... 5
G B Larsen not out ... 2
C Pringle lbw b Kalpage ... 4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 4, nb 1) ... 11
Total (48.3 overs) ... 199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-80, 3-104, 4-135, 5-139, 6-173, 7-178, 8-192, 9-192.

BOWLING: Vaas 8-0-34-0; Gamage 7-0-27-1; Muralitharan 10-0-32-1; Kalpage 9.3-0-47-3; Jayasuriya 10-0-35-3, de Silva 2-0-18-1.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Tour of the Fens (Newmarket, 140 kilometres): 1, G Holmes (Ambrosia Desserts), 3hr 24min 55sec; 2, M Walsham (Tritech), at 17sec, 3, M Illingworth (Team Clean), at 1:15. Leicestershire Spring Classic (Ashby de la Zouch, *87 miles): 1, K Dawson (Optimum Performance RT).* 3.17:08; 2, C Newton (North Wirral Velo), at 9sec; 3, P Curran (Optimum Performance), same time. Concorde RCC (Coleshill, Warwickshire, 66 miles): 1, B Wilson (CS Purbeck), 2:36:00; 2, K Stewart (CC Giro), same time; 3, S Dangerfield (North Wirral Velo), at 30sec. Scottish Grand Prix series: First round (Rosneath Peninsula, 80 miles): 1, A Wright (Paisley RT), 3:17:05; 2, J Armstrong (Bonnyrigg CC), at 4sec; 3, N Cameron (VC Olympia), *at 10sec. Lune RCC (Carnforth, Lancashire, 56 miles)*: I Cuthbertson (Kona), 2:28 00.

TIME TRIALS: Circuit of the Dales (Ingleton, 50 miles): 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon), 2hr 5min 58sec; 2, C Johnson (Airedale Olympic), 2:21:16; 3, G Waddington (Pendle Forest CC), 2:21:41. Team: Pendle Forest CC, 8:23 45. Askern CC (Doncaster, team 25 miles): North Wirral Velo (P Longbottom, C Newton, J Ramsbottom) 48:43 (event record). Bynea CC (Llandovery, 30 miles): C Pritchard (Olympia Sport), 1:09:04. Team: Olympia Sport, 3:35:53 (Welsh record). Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers (hilly, 42km): C Brooks (VC Camelot), 56:23. Team: Antelope RT, 3:05:23. Ferryhill Wheelers (hilly, 28.7 miles): N Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers), 1:11:34. Cleveleys RC (Lancashire, 25 miles): G Thomas (Leek CC), 54:39. Team: TS Tameside, 2:51:17. Clifton CC (York, 25 miles): J Wainman (Hull Thursday RC), 55 48. Team: GS Metro, 2:51:51. Oxonian CC (25 miles): I Bell (Team Sabre), 56 34. Team: High Wycombe CC, 3:04:26. VC Cumbria (25 miles): A Bannard (VC Cumbria), 1:01:11. Team: VC Cumbria, 3:10:54. Lincoln Wheelers (hilly, 25 miles): J Walden (Axholme Wheelers), 58:10 (course record). Team: Axholme Wheelers, 2:56:41. East Grinstead Tri Club (25 miles): K Reed (34 Nomads), 59:05. Team: Brighton Excelsior, 3:05:53. Dunedin CC (Edinburgh, two-up 25 miles): D Gibson and S Duff (GS Modena), 58:35. Ythan CC (Aberdeen, hilly 20 miles): R Brown (Deeside Thistle), 48:21. Leicester Forest: 10 miles: 1, M Dowdell (Welland V) 22min 38sec; 2, M Gee (Coventry C) 23.22; 3, I Scott (Leicester Forest) 23.27. Exeter TC: 10 miles: 1, A Lyons (Plymouth C) 22min 35sec; 2, D Barnes (T Zoyland) 23.00; 3, A McLean (T Zoyland) 23.06.

LACROSSE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 5 England 11.

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY: North of England League: First division: Ashton-under-Lyne 12 Sale 7; Mellors 7 Cheadle 10; Old Waconians 2 Stockport 16; Poynton 11 Heaton Mersey 12.

MOTOR CYCLING

SHAH ALAM: Malaysian grand prix: 500cc: 1, M Doohan (Aus) Honda 47min 54.380sec; 2, D Beattie (Aus) Honda 48.01.179; 3, A Criville (Sp) Honda 48.04.487. 4, K Schwantz (US) Suzuki 48.08.524; 5, A Puig (Sp) Honda 48 09 618. 250cc: 1, M Biaggi (It) Aprilia 45.27.292; 2, T Harada (Japan) Yamaha 45.32.378; 3, T Okada (Japan) Honda 45.33.113; 4, R Waldmann (Ger) Honda 45.36.480; 5, J-P Ruggia (Fr) Honda 45.56.668. 125cc: 1, G McCoy (Aus) Honda 21:18.350; 2, S Perugini (It) IPA Aprilia 21:18.777; 3, A Saito (Japan) Honda 21:24.684; 4, H Torrontegui (Sp) 21:28.180; 5, A Ballerini (It) Krona Aprilia 21:28.645.

NETBALL

ALL ENGLAND ASSOCIATION: First division: Middlesex 44 Essex Met 53; East Essex 54 Cheshire 44; Derbyshire 52 Surrey 71. Second division: Warwickshire 42 Nottinghamshire 46; Mid Hampshire 48 Hampshire North 46; Kent 42 Gloucestershire 49; Hertfordshire 67 West Yorkshire 31.

RALLYING

DONINGTON PARK: British touring car championship: First round (18 laps, 45 miles). 1, J Cleland (GB) (Vauxhall Cavalier 16v) 30min 30.49sec (88.50mph); 2, A Menu (Switz) (Renault Laguna) at 5.94; 3, P Radisich (NZ) (Ford Mondeo Ghia) at 8.64; 4, *R Rydell (Swe) (Volvo 850 20v) at 9.37*; 5, J Cecotto (Ven) (BMW 318iS) at 10.14. Second round (18, 45): 1, Rydell 30:26.66 (88.69mph); 2, Cleland at 7.09s; 3, T Harvey (GB) (Volvo 850 20v) at 9.03; 4, Menu at 11.84; 5, W Hoy (GB) (Renault Laguna) at 13.95.

ROWING

UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE: Cambridge (18min 4sec) bt Oxford (17.52) by 4 lengths. Reserves race: Goldie (18.29) bt Isis (19.13) by 14 lengths.

SHINTY

GLENMORANGIE CAMANACHD CUP: Quarter-finals: Fort William 2 Glenurquhart 2; Kingussie 8 Glenorchy 1; Newtonmore 4 Glasgow Mid Argyll 3; Oban Camanachd 1 Beauly 0.

MARINE HARVEST LEAGUES: North area: First division: Lovat 3 Skye 3. Second division: Glengarry 1 Lochcarron 3; Inverness 4 Caberfeidh 2.

COUNTRAWE CUP: Semi-final: Oban Celtic 4 Ballachulish 1.

SKIING

TIGNES, France: British national championships: Super G: Men: 1, G Bell (Henley/GB World Cup Team) 1min 20.83sec; 2, M Bell (Mortlake/World Cup Team) 1:21.31; 3, A Baxter (Aviemore/Europa Cup Team) 1:23.11. Women: 1, E Carrick-Anderson (Dunblane/World Cup Team) 1:26.91; 2, K Morris (York/FIS Team) 1:27.48; 3, S Robertson (Aberdeen/Europa Cup Team) 1:27.81. Downhill: Men: 1, M Bell (Mortlake) 1min 19.82sec; 2, G Bell (Henley) 1:20.61; 3, D Walker (Witney) 1:21.96. Women: 1, K McGibbon (Glasgow) 1min 27.33sec; 2, K Morris (York) 1:28.51; 3, S Ormond (Grand Bornand) 1:29.61.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: British open championships: First round: J Higgins (Scot) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-1; J Birch (Eng) bt A Drago (Malta) 5-4; A Robidoux (Can) bt T Murphy (N Ire) 5-2; S Lee (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt M Judge (Ire) 5-1; D Henry (Scot) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-3; D O'Kane (NZ) bt J Wych (Can) 5-3; D Harold (Eng) bt A Davies (Wales) 5-2; S James (Eng) bt A Higgins (N Ire) 5-3; W Jones (Wales) bt B Morgan (Eng) 5-1; J Wattana (Thai) bt N Terry (Eng) 5-2; M Clark (Eng) bt S Murphy (Ire) 5-0; A McManus (Scot) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 5-2; D Reynolds (Eng) bt T Jones (Eng) 5-2; S Davis (Eng) bt P Davies (Wales) 5-4.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bradford 59 Eastbourne 49; Cradley Heath 47 Ipswich 49; King's Lynn 45 Peterborough 51; Eastbourne 55 Bradford 41.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Quarter-finals: Palermo: Italy 0 United States 5. A Agassi (US) bt A Gaudenzi 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; P Sampras (US) bt R Furlan (It) 7-6, 6-3, 6-0; R Renneberg and J Palmer (US) bt C Brandi and S Pescosolido (It) 6-1, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3: Sampras bt Gaudenzi 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Palmer bt Furlan 6-4, 6-3. Utrecht: Holland 1 Germany 4. P Haarhuis (Holl) bt B Becker (Ger) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6; M Stich (Ger) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Becker and Stich bt P Haarhuis and J Eltingh (Holl) 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7, 3-6; Becker bt Krajicek 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 1-6; Stich bt Haarhuis 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Moscow: Russia 4 South Africa 1. Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt A Volkov (Russ) 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; Kafelnikov and A Olkhovskiy (Russ) bt Ferreira and G Muller (SA) 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-3; Kafelnikov bt Ferreira 6-4, 7-5, 6-1; Volkov bt Ondruska 6-1, 6-1. Växjö: Sweden 5 Austria 0. M Larsson (Swe) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-1, 7-6, 7-5; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Antonitsch (Austria) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 6-4; J Apell and J Bjorkman (Swe) bt Muster and Antonitsch 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; Edberg bt Muster 6-4, 6-2; Larsson bt G Schaller (Austria) 7-6, 6-4.

Semi-finals: US v Sweden; Russia v *Germany (to be played September 22-24).*

Euro-African Zone: Group one: First round: Morocco 3 Romania 0; Zimbabwe 5 Slovenia 0; Hungary 3 Portugal 2; Israel 1 Norway 4.

Asia-Oceania Zone: Group one: Second round: New Zealand 4 South Korea 1; India 5 Philippines 0. Play-offs: Japan 5 Hong Kong 0; Indonesia 4 Taiwan 1. Group two: Second round: Uzbekistan 5 Sri Lanka 0; China 3 Thailand 2. Play-offs: Iran 2 Qatar 1; Pakistan 4 Malaysia 1.

American Zone: Group one: Second round: Venezuela 2 Argentina 1; Mexico 3 Brazil 0. Play-offs: Chile 3 Uruguay 0; Peru 2 Bahamas 1. Group two: Second round: Canada 3 Colombia 0; Ecuador 3 Guatemala 0; Haiti 1 Paraguay 2. Play-offs: Cuba 3 Bolivia 0.

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: C Martinez (Sp) bt I Majoli (Cro) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; N Zvereva (Bela) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; M Maleeva (Bul) wo A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); S Farina (It) bt L Ghirardi (Fr) 6-1, 6-4. Semi-finals: Martinez bt Zvereva 6-1, 6-2; Maleeva bt Farina 6-4, 7-6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD: LTA series: Men: Final: D Sherwood (Yorkshire) bt D Kiernan (Durham and Cleveland) 7-5, 6-0. Women: Final: L Needham (Cambridgeshire) bt T Blackburn (Somerset) 6-0, 6-1.

WIRRALL: LTA tour: Finals: Men: P Hand (Berks) bt N West (Hants) 7-6, 6-1. Women: A Smith (Staffs) bt K Hand (Berks) 6-4, 6-3.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's cup: Semi-finals: Defenders: Mighty Mary bt Stars & Stripes by 2min 4sec; Young America bt Stars & Stripes by 52sec. Standings: 1, Young America 9pts; 2, Mighty Mary 3; 3, Stars & Stripes 2. Challengers: oneAustralia bt Nippon 2:41; NZL-39 bt Team New Zealand (did not start). Standings: 1, Team New Zealand 9pts; 2, oneAustralia 7; 3, NZL-39 6; 4, Nippon 0.

RACING

ASCOT

Going: good to firm

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bimsey (D Bridgwater, 8-1); 2, Father Sky (7-2); 3, Even Flow (7-1). Major Summit 11-4 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 2½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £9 30; £2.80, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £25.10 Trio: £45 60. CSF: £33.55.

2.05 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Bo Knows Best (M Richards, 5-4); 2, Spufflington (8-11 fav); 3, Oriel Dream (16-1). 3 ran NR. Super Malt. 15l, dist. G L Moore. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.30 CSF: £2.40

2.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Arabian Bold (M A Fitzgerald, 6-4 fav); 2, Kricash (9-2); 3, Bell Staffboy (4-1). 4 ran. NR. Balanak. 2l, 8l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.00 DF: £3.60 CSF: £6.79.

3.15 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Seven Of Diamonds (A Maguire, 3-1); 2, Gale Again (15-8 fav); 3, Big Matt (9-2). 6 ran. NR: Lackendara. 4l, nk. R Alner. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.40. DF: £3.20 CSF: £8.28.

3.50 (3m hdle) 1, Cab On Target (P Niven, 11-8 fav); 2, Bokaro (5-2); 3, Spring Marathon (66-1). 6 ran. 7l, 10l. Mrs M *Reveley. Tote:* £2 10, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3 20. CSF: £4.85.

4.25 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Cool Dawn (Miss D Harding, 6-5 fav); 2, Young Brave (11-4); 3, St Laycar (6-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 30l. H Wellstead. Tote: £2.10: £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.00 CSF: £4.52.

5.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, High Mind (100-30 fav); 2, Distant Echo (5-1); 3, Tenayestelign (16-1). 9 ran Hd, 8l. NR: Hawaiian Sam, Reeshloch, Shankar, The Padre, Tony's Delight Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £8.80. Trio: £32.30. CSF: £11.85 Tricast: £84.76.

Placepot: £25.50. Quadpot: £5.90.

WARWICK

1.50 1†, General Sir Peter (9-1) 1†, Port Augusta (16-1); 3, Honey Trader (12-1). Eagle Day 5-2 fav. 17 ran.

2.20 1, Northern Celadon (8-1); 2, Duello (10-1); 3, Monione (12-1). Blockade 4-1 fav. 17 ran.

2.50 1, El Supremo (8-1); 2, Mister Fire Eyes (5-2 fav); 3, King Balant (14-1); 4, Komreyev Dancer (20-1). 19 ran. NR: Greenwich Again.

3.20 1, Gone For A Burton (7-1); 2, Red Valerian (20-1). 3, Pink Brief (20-1). Ketabi 2-1 fav. 15 ran.

3.55 1, Lalindi (9-1); 2, Smuggling (11-2); 3, Purple Splash (16-1) Noufari 9-2 fav. 14 ran. NR. Beauman. CSF. £57 35. Tricast: £735 06.

4.25 1, Canovas Heart (5-1 jt-fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Grey Charmer (16-1); 3, Distant Dynasty (6-1); 4, Ivy Lilian (25-1). Followmegirls 5-1 jt-fav. 19 ran. NR: Broadstairs Beauty.

4.55 1, Miss Bigwig (4-1); 2, Kandavu (20-1); 3, Solo Symphony (15-8 fav). 13 ran.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £20,813.84 carried forward to Fontwell Park today).

SEDGEFIELD

1.55 1, Farmer's Cross (9-2); 2, Kir (5-2 fav); 3, German Legend (10-1). 12 ran. NR: Glandalane Lady.

2.25 1, Livio (5-2 fav); 2, Imad (3-1); 3, Keep Your Distance (11-4) 18 ran.

2.55 1, Sylvan Sabre (6-1); 2, Shahgram (15-2); 3, Marsh's Law (8-1). Native Worth 3-1 fav. 9 ran.

3.25 1, Cellidh Boy (5-1); 2, Son Of Iris (6-4 fav), 3, Brave Defender (16-1) 13 ran.

4.00 1, Twin States (11-4); 2, Uron V (6-4 fav); 3, Griffins Bar (20-1). 11 ran. NR: *Khojohn.*

4.30 1, Political Tower (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Boston Rover (3-1 jt-fav), 3, Boro Smackeroo (12-1) 8 ran.

5.05 1, Dark Phoenix (9-1), 2, Cool As A Cucumber (9-2); 3, Go-Informal (4-5 fav). 14 ran.

5.30 1, M-I-Five (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Chopwell Curtains (11-4 jt-fav); 3, General's Orders (6-1). 13 ran. NR. Lord Nick.

NEWTON ABBOT

2.00 1, Violet's Boy (11-8 fav); 2, Black H'Penny (13-2); 3, Mr Pickpocket (12-1) 10 ran.

2.35 1, Desert Run (14-1); 2, Kancelskis (100-30); 3, Major Bush (6-1). Southerly Gale 11-4 fav. 16 ran.

3.05 1, Barton Santa (13-8 fav), 2, Daring King (25-1), 3, Dress Dance (6-1). 15 ran NR: Big Strand.

3.35 1, *Canoscan* (9-1); 2, *Cache Fleur* (6-4 fav); 3, Plastic Spaceage (4-1). 7 ran.

4.05 1, Pettijean (9-1), 2, Nobiely (13-2); 3, The Minder (25-1) Keep Me In Mind 7-2 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Dress Dance.

4.40 1, Pontynyswen (9-2); 2, Sarfaah (9-2); 3, Evening Rain (20-1). Trevaylor 13-8 fav. 7 ran.

5.10 1, Dukes Meadow (5-1); 2, Glengarrif Girl (11-10 fav); 3, Privilegedtoserve (25-1). 16 ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Last Corner (7-1); 2, Darling Clover (6-1), 3, Peter Monamy (11-4 fav). 8 ran.

7.30 1, Primula Bairn (7-4 jt-fav); 2, Sigama (9-2); 3, Tyrian Purple (4-1). Very Dicey 7-4 jt-fav (pu). 5 ran.

8.00 1, Another Jade (7-2); 2, Heathyards Lady (2-1 fav); 3, At The Savoy *(5-1). 7 ran*

8.30 1, Eqtesaad (9-4); 2, A Million Watts (2-1 fav); 3, Backstabber (25-1). 8 ran.

9.00 1, Chastleton (7-1); 2, Hunza Story (40-1); 3, Keys Seminar (11-4) Shared 5-2 fav. 7 ran

9.30 1, Child Star (5-1); 2, Red Whirlwind (7-1); 3, Nothing Doing (9-1). Who's The Best 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR. Top Prize.

POINT-TO-POINT

BELVOIR (Garthorpe): Hunt: 1, High Edge Grey (Miss A Hinch, 7-1), 2, Formula One, 3, The Difference. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Testrader (B Pollock, 7-1); 2, Force Eight, 3, Stanwick Farlap 8 ran. Ladies: 1, General Highway (Mrs J Dawson, 4-6 fav); 2, Proverb Prince; 3, Crazy Otto. 8 ran. Open: 1, Golden Moss (S J Robinson, 11-4); 2, Raise An Argument; 3, Royal Day. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Pancratic (C Millington, 5-2 fav); 2, Orton Lady; 3, Hill Fort. 10 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Dilly's Last (R Armson, 33-1), 2, Smart Rhythm, 3, Georgie. 8 ran.

BRAMHAM MOOR (Wetherby Point Course): Hunt: 1, Good Team (D Crossland, 3-1); 2, Ocean Rose; 3, Steve's Image. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Dunght (N Tutty, 7-2); 2, Inconclusive; 3, Politico Pot. 17 ran. Ladies. 1, Barry Owen *(Miss A Deniel, 11-10 fav)*; 2, Grey Realm, 3, Deep Dawn. 6 ran. Open: 1, Final Chant (H Brown, 6-1); 2, Wily William; 3, Cromwell Point 11 ran. Intermediate. 1, St Gregory (W Burnell, 10-1); 2, Ubu Val; 3, Hurricane Linda. 15 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Quaker Bob (J Apiafi, 3-1); 2, Another Hooligan, 3, My True Clown 16 ran Open Mdn II: 1, Stag Fight (S Walker, 14-1), 2, Paddy Lee, 3, Tom The Tank. 14 ran.

CHESHIRE (Alpraham): Hunt: 1, Barkin (David Barlow, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Paulmatic; 3, Grange Prize. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Real Class (J Evans, 2-1); 2, Scally Muire; 3, Wally Wrekin. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Three Potato Four (David Barlow, 11-8 fav): 2, Charlie Chalk. 3, Extraspecial Brew. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Peajade (Miss J Wormall, 2-5 fav); 2, Royle Burchlin, 3, Kellys Pal. 8 ran. Open: 1, Mr Tittle Tattle (S Crank, 8-11 fav); finished alone 2 ran Open Mdn. 1, Sir George Chuffy (David Barlow, 5-4 fav), 2, Plundering Star; 3, Keep Them Keen 13 ran

EAST ESSEX (Marks Tey): Hunt: 1, Half A Sov (S R Andrews), finished alone. Confined: 1, Sneakapenny (J Sharp, 7-2). 2, Harmony Walk, 3, Adone. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Ballyandrew (Miss S Gritton, 7-4), 2, Counterbid. 3, Cherry Chap. 9 ran. Open: 1, Richard Hunt (S Cowell, 5-4 jt-fav). 2, Who's Fooling Who. 3, River Melody 7 ran Rest I: 1, Farrago (C Ward, 14-1); 2, Timber's Boy, 3, Unique Tribute 12 ran. *Rest II.* 1, *Bartags Brother (S R* Andrews, 7-2). 2, FarView, 3, Druid's Lodge. 12 ran. Mdn: 1, Brook Buster (A Coe, Evens fav), 2, Manor Cottage, 3, Deep Moss. 13 ran.

GRAFTON (Mollington): Hunt: 1, Sunshine Manor (G Tarry, 9-2); 2, Nick The Brief; 3, Never Tarry 5 ran. Confined: 1, Bit Of A Clown (A Mobley, 7-1); 2, Bright As A Button, 3, Causeway Cruiser. 7 ran. Rest. 1, Mr Rigsby (T Fowler, 14-1), 2, Hill Island, 3, Frenchlands Way. 14 ran. Sporting Life Ladies. 1, Green Archer (Mrs T Hill, 2-5 fav), 2, Codger, 3, Kingford 8 ran Open: 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry, 4-5 fav); 2, Bright Burns, 3, Yahoo. 7 ran, Mdn I: 1, Grecian Lark (G Tarry, 4-1); 2, Fortytimes More; 3, Trinity Song. 16 ran Mdn II: 1, Pavi's Brother (R Sweeting, 2-1 fav), 2, Duques; 3, Looking. 11 ran. Mdn III. 1, Aintree Oats (J Holt, 5-2 fav); 2, Clever Artist; 3, Foolish Soprano 11 ran.

HARKAWAY CLUB (Chaddesley Corbett): Hunt: 1, Widnite (T Jackson, 2-1 fav); 2, Regal Estate; 3, Hook Line'N'Sinker. 8 ran Rest: 1. Drummer Boy (Dr P Pritchard, 7-1); 2, Major Nova; 3. Hackett's Farm 16 ran. Ladies: 1, Major Match (Miss C Thomas, 2-1), 2, Couture Tights; 3, River Trout. 7 ran. Open. 1, Guildway (M Rimell, 3-1); 2, Mount Argus; 3, Celtic Flame. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Kingswood Kitchens (M Rodda, 14-1), 2, Tytherington; 3, Tattlejack. 10 ran Mdn: *1, Tudor Beacon (M Hammond, 2-1 fav)*; 2, Saffron Spirit; 3, Sulan. 16 ran.

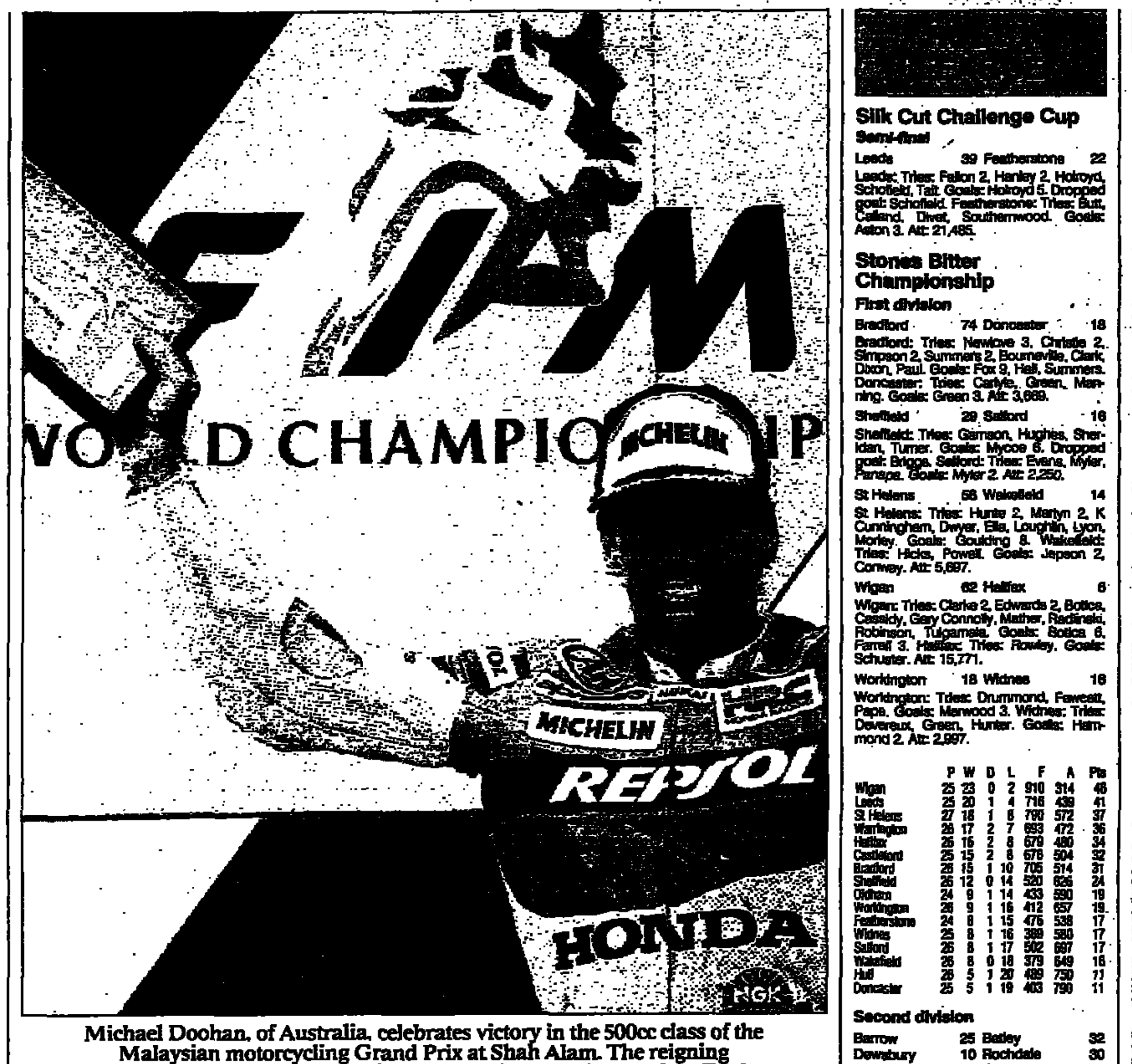
MONMOUTHSHIRE (Llanvapley): Hunt. 1, Major Bert (H Wheeler, 1-4 fav); 2, Pall Mall. 2 ran. Confined I: 1, Pat Cullen (S Blackwell, 14-1); 2, Menno Waltz; 3, Co-Tack. 11 ran. Confined II 1, Tinkers Corner (A Dalton, 4-1); 2, Lord Crosby; 3, Dawns Last. 11 ran Open: 1, Jack Sound (E Williams, 4-6 fav), 2, Listary Lad; 3, January Don. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Yale (Miss G Gibson, 5-1), 2, Wilsaruth; 3, Spartan City. 12 ran. Rest I. 1, Sun Of Chance (E Williams, 3-1); 2, Woman Of The Road, 3, Judy Line. 11 ran Rest II 1, Seal King (R Johnson, 25-1); 2, Robbie's Boy, 3, Linantic. 14 ran Mdn I: 1, Notanotherone (S Lloyd, 2-1 fav), 2, Bucks Mist; 3, Icecapade 12 ran. Mdn II 1, The Honest Poacher (R Johnson, 4-1); 2, Trust Merci Only 2 finished. 15 ran

MORPETH (Tranwell): Hunt: 1, Little Greyside (J Wilson, Evens fav), 2, Jade Shoon, 3, Estimated 8 ran Confined. 1, Gone Astray (J Walton, 3-1); 2, Worthy Spark; 3, Clare Lad. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Orange Ragusa (Miss A Bowie, 7-1), 2, Doxford Hut. 3, Ready Steady. 13 ran. Open: 1, Fast Study (S Robinson, 20-1); 2, Kidlaw; 3, Swiss Beauty. *8 ran.* Rest 1, Go Silly (Miss P Robson, 5-1), 2, Gusting Gray; 3, Miss Enrico 11 ran. Open Mdn I 1. Royal Surprise (T Scott, 6-1), 2, Donside, 3, Eden Sunset. 14 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Stiltodo (C Wilson, 4-1), 2, Kalajo; 3, All Or Nothing 18 ran.

ROYAL ARTILLERY (Larkhill). Hunt: 1, Daybrook's Gift (Miss N Allan, 2-5 fav), 2, Tinkers Brook, 3, Hunting Diary. 6 ran. Open Mdn I 1, Gormless (R Legg, 10-1), 2, *Hizal*; 3, Emerald Knight. 8 ran. Open Mdn II 1, Steel Guest (Miss P Curling, 9-4), 2, Desert Waltz; 3, Model Countess. 10 ran. Open Mdn III 1, Highfeeze (Miss P Curling, 4-5 fav), 2, Steel Dance, 3, Upton Lass 9 ran. Confined: 1, Buddington (C Vigors, 14-1); 2, Columcille, 3, Dawn Saga. 9 ran. Intermediate: 1, Flaked Oats (Miss P Curling, Evens fav); 2, Idiotic. 3, Copper Rose Hill. 5 ran Mixed Open. 1, Fosbury (Miss P Curling, 4-6 fav). 2, Wrekin Hill, 3, Blue Dart. 12 ran. Restricted: 1, Harwell Lad (R Nuttall, 4-1); 2, Baroness Spider, 3, Our Wizzer. 16 ran Kings Troop Hunt: 1, Lapwing (Lt A Wood, 2-1), 2, Nepal, 3, Notable. 7 ran.

WESTERN (Wadebridge): Confined: 1, Rough Tor (P Scholfield, 4-11 fav); 2, *Sancreed; 3, Manhattan Chase 5 ran.* Ladies: 1, Basilea (Miss S Vickery, 4-6 fav). 2, Slaney Abbey; 3, Whats Your Game. 7 ran Open. 1, Bootscraper (N Legg, 2-5 fav). 2, Rathmichael; 3, Karaker Reference 4 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Great Impostor (M Batters, 14-1); 2, But Not Quite, 3, Larky McIlroy. 13 ran. Open Mdn II. 1, Noddys Express (M Hoskins, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Muskerry Moya, 3, Miss Pernickity. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Golden Mick (P *Scholfield, 6-4 fav)*; 2, Sherbrooks; 3, Baron Rush. 10 ran. Intermediate 1, Walkers Point (W G Turner, 4-7 fav), 2, Society Member; 3, Anjubi. 8 ran

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Michael Doohan, of Australia, celebrates victory in the 500cc class of the Malaysian motorcycling Grand Prix at Shah Alam. The reigning champion beat Daryl Beattie, of Australia. Photograph: Jonathan Drake.

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Semi-final

Leeds 39 Featherstone 22

Leeds: Tries: Fallon 2, Hanley 2, Holroyd, Schofield, Tait. Goals: Holroyd 5. Dropped goal: Schofield. Featherstone: Tries: Butt, Calland, Divet, Southernwood. Goals: Aston 3. Att: 21,485.

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford 74 Doncaster 18

Bradford: Tries: Newlove 3, Christie 2, Simpson 2, Summers 2, Bourneville, Clark, Dixon, Paul. Goals: Fox 9, Hall, Summers. Doncaster: Tries: Carlyle, Green, Manning. Goals: Green 3. Att: 3,669.

Sheffield 29 Salford 16

Sheffield: Tries: Garrison, Hughes, Sheridan, Turner. Goals: Mycoe 6. Dropped goal: Briggs. Salford: Tries: Evans, Myler, *Panapa. Goals:* Myler 2. Att: 2,250.

St Helens 58 Wakefield 14

St Helens: Tries: Hunte 2, Martyn 2, K Cunningham, Dwyer, Ellis, Loughlin, Lyon, Morley. Goals: Goulding 8. Wakefield: Tries: Hicks, Powell. Goals: Jepson 2, Conway. Att: 5,697.

Wigan 62 Halifax 6

Wigan: Tries: Clarke 2, Edwards 2, Botica, Cassidy, Gary Connolly, Mather, Radlinski, Robinson, Tuigamala. Goals: Botica 6, Farrell 3. Halifax: Tries: Rowley. Goals: Schuster. Att: 15,771.

Workington 18 Widnes 16

Workington: Tries: Drummond, Fawcett, Pape. Goals: Marwood 3. Widnes: Tries: Devereux, Green, Hunter. Goals: Hammond 2. Att: 2,997.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	25	23	0	2	910	314	46
Leeds	25	20	1	4	716	439	41
St Helens	27	18	1	8	790	572	37
Warrington	26	17	2	7	693	472	36
Halifax	26	16	2	8	679	480	34
Castleford	25	15	2	8	676	504	32
Bradford	26	15	1	10	705	514	31
Sheffield	26	12	0	14	520	626	24
Oldham	24	9	1	14	433	590	19
Workington	26	9	1	16	412	657	19
Featherstone	24	8	1	15	476	538	17
Widnes	25	8	1	16	389	580	17
Salford	26	8	1	17	502	697	17
Wakefield	26	8	0	18	379	649	16
Hull	26	5	1	20	489	750	11
Doncaster	25	5	1	19	403	790	11

Second division

Barrow 25 Batley 32
Dewsbury 10 Rochdale 30
Huddersfield 36 Carlisle 24
Hunslet 22 Whitehaven 20
Leigh 13 Keighley 34
London Broncos 34 Hull K R 22
Ryedale York 28 Bramley 12
Swinton 44 Highfield 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	26	20	1	5	792	299	41
Batley	26	20	0	6	631	369	40
Huddersfield	26	18	1	7	764	434	37
London Broncos	25	18	0	8	614	416	36
Hull K R	26	16	1	9	782	398	33
Whitehaven	25	16	0	9	594	443	32
Dewsbury	25	15	0	10	619	404	30
Rochdale	26	15	0	11	698	488	30
Ryedale York	25	13	1	11	623	484	27
Hunslet	26	13	0	13	501	677	26
Leigh	25	10	0	15	514	643	20
Swinton	26	10	0	16	516	675	20
Bramley	24	8	0	16	452	493	16
Carlisle	26	6	0	20	479	802	12
Barrow	26	4	0	22	380	751	8
Highfield	26	1	0	25	196	1362	2

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Sixth round: Hensingham 28 Skirlaugh 20; Leigh East 22 Millom 38; Mayfield 16 Halton Simms Cross 12; Siddal 10 Barrow Island 15; *Thornhill 22 Ellenborough 10; West Bowling* 13 Walnut Warriors 12; West Hull 18 Saddleworth 16; Woolston 41 York Acorn 2.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 19 Chorley 16; Dudley Hill 28 Egremont 6; Hemel Hempstead 24 Heworth 34.

WINFIELD CUP: Western Suburbs 32 Parramatta 6; St George 22 Sydney *Bulldogs 18; Sydney Tigers 12 Newcastle* Knights 46; Manly-Warringah 36 Gold Coast Seagulls 10; Brisbane Broncos 32 South Queensland Crushers 0; Perth Western Reds 2 Cronulla-Sutherland 28; South Sydney 18 Illawarra Steelers 20; North Sydney 48 Auckland Warriors 10; North Queensland Cowboys 8 Canberra Raiders 14; Penrith Panthers 10 Sydney City Roosters 29.

Inter-Services championship

Army 17 Royal Navy 34
(at Twickenham)

Under-19 international

Scotland 13 England 32
(at Bridgehaugh, Stirling)

Pilkington Cup

Semi-finals

Harlequins 13 Bath 31

Harlequins: Tries: Challinor, Staples. Pen: Staples. Bath: Tries: Swift 2, de Glanville. Cons: Callard 2. Pens: Callard 3. Drop goal: Catt.

Leicester 22 Wasps 25

Leicester: Try: R Underwood. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 5. Wasps: Try: D Hopley. Con: Andrew. Pens: Andrew 3. Drop goals: Andrew 3.

Courage Clubs Championship

Second division

Newcastle G 10 L Scottish 18

Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Penn. Con: Mason. Pen: Mason. London Scottish: Tries: Eriksson, Sly. Con: Steele. Pens: Steele 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	14	13	0	1	291	160	26
Wakefield	14	8	1	5	247	219	17
L Irish	14	8	0	6	301	262	16
L Scottish	15	8	0	7	293	254	16
Newcastle G	15	7	1	7	302	215	15
Waterloo	14	7	0	7	230	252	14
Fylde	14	6	0	8	197	267	12
Nottingham	14	5	1	8	227	250	11
Moseley	14	5	1	8	202	256	11
Coventry	14	2	0	12	177	332	4

Third division

Bedford 23 Exeter 10

Bedford: Tries: Simons, penalty try. Cons: Finnie 2. Pens: Finnie 3. Exeter: Try: Chatterton. Con: Green. Pen: Green.

Clifton 12 Blackheath 25

Clifton: Tries: Brain, Naivalurua. Con: Hogg. Blackheath: Tries: Burns, Harris, Bidgway. Walton. Con: Burns. Pen: Burns.

Otley 33 Harrogate 14

Otley: Tries: Flint, Henry, Overend, Rutledge. Cons: Rutledge 2. Pens: Rutledge 3. Harrogate: Tries: Simpson, Wheat. Cons: Easterby 2.

Richmond 11 Rosslyn Park 14

Richmond: Try: Boyd. Pens: Gregory 2. Rosslyn Park: Try: Ferrett. Pens: Holder 3.

Rugby 27 Morley 8

Rugby: Tries: Gillooly, Palmer, Quantrill. Smith. Cons: Quantrill 2. Drop goal: MacLeod. Morley: Try: Clark.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	15	11	1	3	283	115	23
Bedford	14	10	1	3	292	169	21
Otley	15	9	0	6	258	179	18
Rugby	14	9	0	5	237	197	18
Rosslyn Park	15	8	0	7	215	219	16
Morley	15	7	1	7	221	278	15
Harrogate	15	7	1	7	208	278	15
Richmond	15	4	1	10	213	255	9
Clifton	15	4	0	11	191	284	8
Exeter	15	3	1	11	142	235	7

LEADING SCORERS: 174: A Finnie (Bedford: 15 conversions, 45 penalty goals, 3 drop goals). 153: P Rutledge (Otley: 5 tries, 13c, 34pg). 120: J Grayshon (Morley: 2t, 10c, 27pg, 3dg). 106: S Howard (Blackheath: 8c, 28pg, 2dg). 92: J Gregory (Richmond: 1t, 9c, 23pg).

Fourth division

Askeans 15 Leeds 14
Liverpool St H 42 Aspatria 5
Plymouth 24 Redruth 8
Reading 31 Broughton Park 11
Rotherham 35 Havant 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	15	14	0	1	494	210	28
Reading	15	13	0	2	353	248	26
Liverpool St H	15	10	2	3	330	187	22
Havant	15	8	2	5	321	264	18
Leeds	15	6	0	9	232	236	12
Aspatria	15	6	0	9	214	328	12
Redruth	15	4	2	9	246	328	10
Plymouth	15	3	2	10	251	513	8
Broughton	15	4	0	11	177	317	8
Askeans	15	3	0	12	181	386	6

Fifth division north

Walsall 25 Lichfield 19

Fifth division south

Tabard 23 High Wycombe 18

Pilkington Shield

Semi-finals

Bedford Queens 21 *Kingsbridge* 16
North Shields 8 *St Albans* 21

Heineken League

First division

Cardiff 76 Dunvant 12

Cardiff: Tries: Ford 4, Budd 2, S Davies 2, Moore 2, Hill, Westwood. Cons: A Davies 5. Dunvant: Tries: Evans, Jones. Con: Thomas.

Llanelli 26 Bridgend 13

Llanelli: Tries: P Davies, G Evans, Proctor, C Quinnell. Pens: Strange 2. Bridgend: Tries: Ball. Con: M Lewis. Pens: M Lewis 2.

Neath 6 Abertillery 23

Neath: Pens: M McCarthy 2. Abertillery: Tries: Corlett, A Price, Richards. Con: M Williams. Pens: M Williams 2.

Pontypool 13 Newbridge 24

Pontypool: Try: Morris. Con: Humphries. Pens: Humphries 2. Newbridge: Tries: C Crane, Hooper, Taylor, penalty try. Cons: Withers 2.

Swansea 22 Pontypridd 8

Swansea: Tries: R Boobyer, A Williams. Pens: Griffiths 4. Pontypridd: Pens: Jenkins 2.

Treorchy 33 Newport 13

Treorchy: Tries: Dibble, K Jones, Lewis. Cons: Lloyd 3. Pens: Lloyd 4. Newport: Tries: R Rees. Con: Hayward. Pens: Hayward. Drop goal: Hayward.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	20	17	0	3	620	237	34
Pontypridd	20	16	0	4	520	219	32
Neath	20	11	2	7	322	340	24
Bridgend	20	11	1	8	450	397	23
Swansea	19	11	0	8	411	327	22
Treorchy	19	10	0	9	414	288	20
Llanelli	20	10	0	10	404	348	18
Newbridge	20	8	0	12	284	388	16
Dunvant	19	6	1	12	287	480	13
Abertillery	20	6	0	14	292	554	12
Newport	19	6	0	13	279	384	12
Pontypool	20	4	0	16	258	559	8

Second division

Abercynon 18 Aberavon 13
Bonymaen 16 Tenby Utd 0
Cross Keys 9 Ebbw Vale 34
Llanharan 17 S Wales Police 18
Maesteg 28 Penarth 8
Narberth 5 Llandovery 21

THIRD DIVISION: Blaina 13 Blackwood 0; Builth Wells 15 Kenfig Hill 23; Caerphilly 25 Mountain Ash 9; Pontypool Utd 15 Glamorgan Wdrs 20; Tredegar 24 Aberavon Quins 13; Ystradgynlais 20 Tondu 13.

McEwan's League

First division

Dundee HSFP 15 Currie 22
W of Scotland 7 Edin Acads 20

SECOND DIVISION: Gordonians 16 Glasgow Acads 46.

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Blackrock C 29 Sunday's W 22
Cork Con 13 Old Wesley 5
Lansdowne 24 St Mary's C 13
Shannon 16 Instonians 13
Y Munster 12 Dungannon 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shannon	10	10	0	0	162	60	20
Blackrock Col	10	7	0	3	228	135	14
St Mary's Col	10	7	0	3	151	137	14
Garryowen	10	6	0	4	160	113	12
Cork Con	9	5	0	4	125	113	10
Old Wesley	9	4	0	5	103	146	8
Lansdowne	8	3	1	4	124	167	7
Instonians	10	3	0	7	111	160	6
Sunday's Well	9	2	1	6	103	142	5
Dungannon	10	2	0	8	114	141	4
Young Munster	9	2	0	7	85	153	4

SECOND DIVISION: Ballymena 29 Malone 19; Bective Rangers 20 Old Crescent 5; Greystones 26 University College, Dublin 28; Old Belvedere 7 Dolphin 10.

Club matches

Barking 5 Harlow 34; Barry Hill 27 Newbury 27; Birmingham 23 Leamington 21; Coventry 29 Bristol 46; Kendal 15 Tynedale 19; London Irish 72 Basingstoke 33; London Welsh 31 Saracens 27; Lydney 18 Worcester 40; Nottingham 72 Middlesbrough 0; Nuneaton 36 Camp Hill 10; Orrell 39 Moseley 20; *Preston Grasshoppers 86 Durham City 10*; Sale 15 Wakefield 26; Sheffield 41 Vale of Lune 17; Sudbury 11 North Walsham 14. Cancelled: Henley v Bournemouth; Stourbridge v Metropolitan Police. Sunday: Fylde 15 Manchester 11.

SURREY COUNTY CUP: Final: Old Blues 0 Camberley 34.

Super 10 tournament

Pool A

Western Province 42 North Harbour 37
(in Takapuna)
Otago 18 Transvaal 27
(in Dunedin)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Transvaal	4	3	0	1	78	65	13
NSW	4	2	1	1	78	64	11
W Province	4	2	0	2	98	106	9
Otago	4	2	0	2	102	91	8
North Harbour	4	0	1	3	69	109	4

Pool B

Orange FS 42 Canterbury 35
(in Christchurch)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queensland	4	4	0	0	116	48	16
OFS	4	3	0	1	85	81	12
Auckland	4	2	0	2	94	99	9
Canterbury	4	1	0	3	138	98	7
Tonga	4	0	0	4	62	159	1

Final: Queensland v Transvaal (Johannesburg, April 8).

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Saturday: Cannock 2 Havant 2; Reading 6 O Loughtonians 4. Yesterday: Cannock 9 Firebrands 0; East Grinstead 2 Teddington 4; Havant 3 Surbiton 0 Hull 3 Bournville 1; Old Loughtonians 2 Southgate 0; Stourport 1 Reading 5, Trojans 3 Guildford 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Teddington	17	13	1	3	50	25	40
Reading	17	13	1	3	45	22	40
Cannock	17	11	5	1	57	19	38
Guildford	17	11	1	5	54	30	34
Southgate	17	9	5	3	45	25	32
Hounslow	17	9	4	4	33	21	31
Old Loughtons	17	8	2	7	45	34	26
Surbiton	17	7	5	5	30	22	26
East Grinstead	17	8	2	7	32	27	26
Havant	17	6	5	6	34	32	23
Bournville	17	5	4	8	33	42	19
Canterbury	17	4	6	7	29	33	18
Trojans	17	5	3	9	27	42	18
Indian G	17	5	2	10	23	39	17
Stourport	17	3	6	8	25	37	15
Hull	17	4	1	12	20	59	13
Firebrands	17	2	2	13	15	44	8
Slough	17	1	3	13	17	61	6

SECOND DIVISION: Saturday: Hampstead and Westminster 2 St Albans 1; Isca 2 Neston 1. Yesterday: Doncaster 1 Barford Tigers 1; Neston 0 St Albans 0; Richmond 3 Hampstead and Westminster 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Albans	17	11	3	3	40	24	36
Barford Tigers	17	9	4	4	33	21	31
Brooklands	17	9	3	5	32	25	30
Doncaster	17	8	5	4	29	16	29
Edgbaston	17	7	6	4	18	18	27
Isca	17	7	5	5	32	22	26
Harleston	17	8	2	7	25	20	26
Richmond	17	7	5	5	27	24	26
Hampstead	17	7	5	5	25	26	26
Oxford Univ	17	7	4	6	31	31	25
Beeston	17	7	4	6	28	30	25
Bromley	17	6	5	6	25	23	23
Sheffield	17	6	4	7	35	33	22
Gloucester	17	6	3	8	35	36	21
Whitchurch	17	5	4	8	23	30	19
Crosby	17	5	4	8	22	31	19
Neston	17	1	4	12	12	32	7
Cambridge	17	1	2	14	16	46	5

DURHAM CUP: Semi-final: Norton 1, Sunderland 0.

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol 1, Bath Buccaneers 9; Winchester 1, City of Portsmouth 1.

WOMEN

BISHAM ABBEY: *International* quadrangular tournament: England Under-21 3 Scotland Under-21 0; England (seniors) 8 South Africa Under-21 0.

WOMENS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Durham 3 Sheffield League 0; Humberside 2 Northumberland 0; Manchester League 1 Cumbria 2; LCL 1 Yorkshire 1: Lancashire 0 Cheshire 2. West: Dorset 3 Cornwall 0; Somerset 1 Devon 1; Gloucester 0 Dorset 0; Hereford 0 Devon 0; Cornwall 0 Somerset 2; Dorset 0 Devon 2, Somerset 4 Hereford 1; Cornwall 0 Gloucester 2.

EAST LEAGUE: First division: Bury 3 Dereham 0, Hemel Hempstead 0 Ipswich II 3

WEST LEAGUE: North division: BAC 0 Redland 0. South division: North Devon 1 Penzance 6.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Aldridge 0. Hampton 0

NORTH LEAGUE: York 3, Liverpool 0.

CLUB MATCHES: Exeter 1 Exmouth 4; Guildford 2 Southampton Tautonians 1; O Loughtonians 1 St Albans 0; Olton and West Warwickshire 3 Sherwood 2; Dulwich 0 Canterbury 3.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs: Group A: Fife 7 Sheffield 5, Humberside 6 Nottingham 5. Group B: Basingstoke 3 Durham 2. Cardiff 6 Edinburgh 6. Promotion play-offs: Group A: Bracknell 2 Paisley 5, Slough 7 Peterborough 7 Group B: Milton Keynes 3 Telford 5. Swindon 10 Whitley 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Tampa Bay 2 Hartford 0, Washington 6 Quebec 4, Chicago 3 Toronto 3 (OT); St Louis 4 San José 1; Edmonton 2 Calgary 5; Vancouver 6 Anaheim 1. Saturday: Buffalo 5 NY Islanders 1. Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 2; NY Rangers 3 Boston 2, Detroit 3 Dallas 2; New Jersey 4 Montreal 1, Vancouver 5 Edmonton 1: Los Angeles 7 Winnipeg 7 (OT)

Football

Southern League: Under-15
Southampton 1 Oxford 0
President Cup: Under 11
Gosport 0 Southampton 2
Kent President Shield
Under-14: Semi-final
Bromley 10 Dover 0
London Thomson Trophy: Semi-final
Islington 8 South London 0
Essex Finch Trophy
Havering 2 Newham 2
Lester Finch Trophy
Hackney 1 Harrow 1
Jubilee Shield
Plymouth 1 Bristol 3
BD Trophy: Final
Dartford 0 Bexley 4
Ted Taylor Trophy
Under-12: Semi-final
Bromley 2 Gravesham 3
Snowdon Cup: Under-14
Kirby Knowsley 2 Sefton 2; Liverpool 1 Wirral 0
Northern Mark
Wigan 3 Leeds 2
Merseyside Trophy: Under-15
Sefton 2 Chester 1; Halton 2 Kirkby Knowsley 0
Inter Association
Under-11
Liverpool 5 Wolverhampton 0
Under-14
St Helens 1 Chorley 2
Under-16
Powys 1 Kirby Knowsley 2
Brent Schools Final: Under-13
St Gregory's 3 Copeland 0
Brent Schools Under-12 Final
Cardinal Hinsley 5 Wembley High School 3

WEST BYFLEET, Surrey: Six-a-side tournament: Croydon C 0 Kingston A 3; Merton A 0 Richmond B 0; Sutton B 2 Croydon C 0; *Kingston A 0 Merton A 3; Richmond B 0* Sutton B 1; Croydon C 0 Merton A 2; Kingston A 1 Richmond B 1; Sutton B 0 Merton A 1; Croydon C 2 Richmond B 1; Kingston A 1 Sutton B 1; Croydon B 2 Richmond A 0; Woking A 2 Kingston B 0; Croydon B 1 Woking A 1; Kingston B 3 Richmond A 2; Croydon B 2 Kingston B 0; Richmond A 0 Woking A 3; Croydon A 0 Merton B 1; Sutton A 4 Woking B 0; Merton B 1 Sutton A 0; Woking B 1 Croydon A 1; Merton B 0 Woking B 0; Croydon A 1 Sutton A 1. Semi-finals: Woking A 2 Merton A 0; Merton B 0 Sutton B 0 (Sutton won on pens). Final: Woking A 0 Sutton B 1.

Swimming

CRYSTAL PALACE: Junior international: Boys: Freestyle: 100m: 1, M Rosolino (It) 52.58sec; 2, M Schwarz (Ger) 52.81; 3, S Pohl (Ger) 53.10. 400m: 1, S Pohl (Ger) 3:57.60; 2, T Lohfink (Ger) 3:57.84; 3, E Brambilla (It) 4:00.44. Backstroke: 200m: 1, S Thieke (Ger) 2:05.83; 2, S Joncourt (Fr) 2:07.01; 3, D Ortega (Sp) 2:08.40. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, M Parodi (It) 1:05.81; 2, S Kruska (Ger) 1:05.93; 3, A Michael (Swe) 1:06.66. Butterfly: 100m: 1, M Ohlim (Swe) 57sec; 2, D Coombs (GB) 57.23; 3, H Sedimayr (Ger) 57.58. Individual medley: 200m: 1, S Thieke (Ger) 2:06.71; 2, M Rosolino (It) 2:07.43; 3, S Aznar (Sp) 2:09.15. 400m: 1, J Jou (Sp) 4:34.38; 2, S Joncourt (Fr) 4:45.17; 3, S Thieke (Ger) 4:36.01. Freestyle relay: 4 x 200m 1, Italy 7:37.74; 2, Germany 7:40.67; 3, Spain 7:47.97. Girls: Freestyle: 100m: 1, J Gotz (Ger) 59.05; 2, D Hitzmann (Ger) 59.16; 3, F Bisoli (It) 59.53. Backstroke: 100m: 1, F Bisoli (It) 1:05.09; 2, A Sperling (Ger) 1:06.02; 3, V Rojo (Sp) 1:06.08. 200m: 1, I Colaiacomo (It) 2:16.04; 2, M A Bardina (Sp) 2:19.34; 3, A Sperling (Ger) 2:21.38. Butterfly: 200m: 1, M Uhlig (Ger) 2:19.29; 2, M Pedder (GB) 2:20.15; 3, E Barezza (It) 2:21.18. Individual medley: 400m: 1, M A Bardina (Sp) 5:01.26; 2, T Davies (GB) 5:02.80; 3, K Dumitru (Ger) 5:08.03. Freestyle relay: 4 x 100m: 1, Germany 3:57.03; 2, Great Britain 3:58.89; 3, Sweden 3:59.48. 4 x 200m: 1, Germany 8:32.95; 2, Spain 8:34.22; 3, Great Britain 8:39.81.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Vauxhall Conference
Stevenage v Kettering (7 45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Caernarfon v Ashton United, Great Harwood v Bamber Bridge.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton United v Chesham. First division: Ruislip Manor v Uxbridge. Third division: Tring v Flackwell Heath

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Rushden and Diamonds Midland division: Ilkeston v Bedworth

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Pegasus Juniors v Cinderford.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Brierley Hill v Bolehall Swifts.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Charlton (2.0). Swindon v Portsmouth; Watford v Queens Park Rangers (2.0). Tottenham Hotspur v Wimbledon (at St Albans City). Second division: Bournemouth v Plymouth (2 0)

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0) First division: West Bromwich v Leeds. Second division: Birmingham City v Sheffield Wednesday, Blackpool v Hull; Leicester v Bradford; Mansfield v Port Vale, Preston v Burnley. York v Newcastle.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Newcastle Town.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth v Horndean.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Manchester Unity national indoor championships (Melton Mowbray)

SNOOKER: British open (Plymouth)

SPEEDWAY: *British League (7 30 unless stated)*: Premier League: Belle Vue v King's Lynn; Exeter v Swindon; Reading v Poole, Wolverhampton v Coventry

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Crystal Palace v Aston Villa (7 45) Queens Park Rangers v Blackburn (7 45)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Burnley v Charlton; Luton v Wolverhampton (7 45); Stoke v Watford (7 45) Second division: * Blackpool v Birmingham; Cardiff v Leyton Orient, Oxford United v Wrexham (7 45), Peterborough v Swansea (7 45). Plymouth v Bristol Rovers (7 45), Wycombe v Bradford (7 45); York v Hull (7 45) Third division. Barnet v Lincoln (7 45), Carlisle v Chesterfield (7 45). Exeter v Walsall (7 45): Gillingham v Bury (7 45): Wigan v Scunthorpe

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Partick v Hearts. First division: Clydebank v Raith. Third division: Forfar v Montrose.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7 0 unless stated

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Second division: Aberavon v South Wales Police.

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg v Treorchy (7 15). Pontypool v Ebbw Vale, Pontypool United v Cross Keys

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leeds v Oldham Second division: Dewsbury v Ryedale York.

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds v Ipswich (7 45). Leicester v Norwich (7.45); Liverpool v Southampton (7.45)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Millwall v Port Vale (7 45). Oldham v Middlesbrough (7.45), Swindon v Bolton (7 45)

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Albion v East Stirling.

RUGBY UNION

MCEWANS LEAGUE: First division: Heriot's FP v Stirling Co (6.0). Jed-Forest v Melrose (6 0)

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Third division: Blackwood v Kenfig Hill

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull v Featherstone (7.30): Wigan v Doncaster (7 30)

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Arsenal v Sampdoria (ITV, 8 0), Real Zaragoza v Chelsea (at La Romareda, 8 15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Bramley v Leigh (8 30).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-final: Hibernian v Celtic (Sky, at Ibrox, 7 45).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Warrington v Leeds (Sky, 7.30)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Newcastle v Norwich, Nottingham Forest v West Ham. * Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal; Sheffield Wednesday v Leicester.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v West Bromwich, Bristol City v Tranmere; Derby v Sunderland; Grimsby v Reading; Luton v Notts County; Middlesbrough v Stoke; Millwall v Charlton; Port Vale v Watford; Portsmouth v Sheffield United, Southend v Burnley; Swindon v Oldham; Wolverhampton v Barnsley. Second division: Bournemouth v Wycombe, Bradford v Stockport; Brighton v Hull, Cambridge United v Peterborough, Cardiff v Rotherham, Chester v Bristol Rovers; Huddersfield v Swansea; Leyton Orient v Crewe; Oxford United v Brentford; Plymouth v Shrewsbury; Wrexham v York. Third division: Barnet v Mansfield; Carlisle v Gillingham; Doncaster v Walsall; Fulham v Hartlepool; Hereford v Colchester; Lincoln v Chesterfield; Northampton v Darlington; Rochdale v Scunthorpe; * Scarborough v Preston, Torquay v Bury; Wigan v Exeter.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Falkirk v Dundee United; Motherwell v Partick; Rangers v Aberdeen. First division: Dundee v Ayr; Hamilton v St Johnstone; Raith v St Mirren; Stranraer v Dunfermline. Second division: Berwick v Stenhousemuir; Brechin v Queen of South; Clyde v Dumbarton; Greenock Morton v East Fife; Stirling v Meadowbank. Third division: Arbroath v Ross County; Caley Thistle v Alloa; Cowdenbeath v Albion; Forfar v East Stirling.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-final: Airdrie v Hearts (at Hampden Park, 2.0).

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bath v West Hartlepool; Bristol v Gloucester; Leicester v Harlequins; Northampton v Orrell; Sale v Wasps.

SWALEC CUP: Quarter-finals: Cardiff v Aberavon, Llanelli v Bridgend; Newbridge v Swansea, Pontypridd v Mountain Ash.

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Semi-finals: Manchester United v Crystal Palace (at Villa Park, 4 0); Tottenham Hotspur v Everton (at Elland Road, 1.30).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool v Leeds United

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford v Doncaster (3.30); Halifax v Featherstone Rovers (3.0); Hull v St Helens (3.15); Salford v Workington Town (3.0); Sheffield Eagles v Oldham (3.15); Wakefield Trinity v Widnes (3.30): Wigan v Bradford Northern (Sky, 7.05).

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Wasps take running game to Twickenham after triumph against Leicester

Andrew finalises plans for meeting with Bath

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BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT



Greenwood, the Wasps second-row forward, sets up an attack in the Pilkington Cup semi-final against Leicester at Welford Road. Photograph: David Rogers

WASPS went into the Pilkington Cup semi-final at Welford Road on Saturday with just the hint of an inferiority complex to Bath and Leicester, the clubs that have set standards for English rugby for so long. Wasps have yet to accomplish the sustained deeds of their two rivals but, by their play this season, they have earned the right to sit down at the same table.

Within eight days they have beaten Bath in the league and Leicester in the cup. Therefore, when they play Bath, who will be heavily favoured, in the final at Twickenham on May 6, they will reasonably believe that they can succeed where, in 1986 and 1987, they failed against the same opponents. Significantly, too, they have reached the final with a team that has time on its side.

Their problem now is whether to throw all their resources into Twickenham, or to try to sustain their pursuit of Leicester and Bath in the league. At least for Leicester, beaten at home for the first time this season, the elusive double has gone and they can juggle their playing talent in compliance with the England management's restrictions, in the knowledge that failure to do so effectively will leave them for the second year running with no material return from a season that has promised so much.

Defeat will test Leicester's resolve to the core, since they know how avoidable it was. Yet Wasps were worthy winners of a cup-tie short on technical excellence but long on drama; they played, thanks to Rob Andrew and the rapidly-emerging Lawrence Dallaglio, with an intelligence that was absent from Leicester.

How Andrew sustains the quality of his game is beyond me. On March 18 he helped England to the grand slam against Scotland; on March 25 he helped his club to overcome Bath; on Saturday 20 points, nine from towering dropped goals, carried Wasps into the final. "These last two games have given us a leg up, as a club," Andrew said. They have given some of the younger players the confidence to know they can win against the best two sides in the country. Both games have been extremely tough, physically and mentally, and I have been shattered after them."

No player had a higher tackle count for Wasps than Andrew, which makes it the more frustrating that other internationals cannot follow his example. Hadley and Ryan were given yellow cards and, in the light of their offences — stamping in the first case, punching in the second — were fortunate that the match officials chose not to send them off for some unnecessary running up a fallen player by Hadley and jumping feet together into a ruck by Ryan.

Television highlighted an equally gratuitous kick by Mike Catt during the other semi-final, the sort of deed that earns a citing in New Zealand. Such actions only go to show that players do not understand the enhanced responsibility their status brings them; moreover, if either of the Wasps players had been sent off, it would probably have cost them a place in the final.

Having played with the strong breeze, Wasps turned round with a 19-6 advantage that Andrew, for one, believed could be decisive. Until, that is, Leicester had grabbed it all back within 15 minutes of the interval before a crowd of 13,750 who must then have hoped to see the home side sweep all before them; instead Leicester leant back and allowed Wasps to carry the game to them.

Now Wasps' season-long familiarity with the running game became all too apparent. Every forward could breach the gain-line in a way only Johnson and Garforth did for Leicester. Dallaglio was everywhere and White not far behind; it was the latter, with his penetrating run that carried him through Back and Kardooni, who created the first-half try for Damian Hopley. In the second half he harassed the Leicester half backs, who were reduced to fumbling inaccuracy.

Yet Leicester could still have reached their third successive final. Culpably, after Liley had kicked their first successful penalty — he went on to land six out of six kicks at goal — they allowed Harris to miss three first-half penalties. Equally, after scoring a glorious try through Potter's loop and Rory Underwood's finish, they refused to spread the ball wide and persisted in setting their smaller back row against the muscular Wasps forwards.

Yet the Underwood brothers still succeeded in opening a crack as the seconds ticked away. An inside pass from Tony Underwood gave Potter a clear road to the line with Wells in support — and he dropped it. Harris's hopeful dropped goal deep into injury time was of a piece with his and his club's whole afternoon — wide of the mark.

SCORERS: Leicester: Try: R Underwood. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (5). Wasps: Try: D Hopley. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty goals: Andrew (3). Dropped goals: Andrew (3).

LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, D Edwards, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockanil, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, C Tarbuck.

WASPS: J Ufton; S Roiser, D Hopley, G Childs, P Hopley, R Andrew, S Bates, N Popplewell, K Dunn, I Dunston, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, N Hadley, M White, D Ryan.

Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Knee injury forces Townsend to miss World Cup

BY MARK SOUSTER

GREGOR TOWNSEND, the Scotland centre, will have a scan on his left knee this morning which will determine whether he will require an operation on his torn cruciate ligament. While Townsend will certainly miss the World Cup because of the injury, the prognosis will have a serious bearing on his future.

If an operation is required, Townsend will miss a year of rugby; if not, he will miss only four months. The outcome will dictate whether he joins Northampton next season and takes up a job in London.

Such is Townsend's importance to Scotland that the news of his withdrawal from the provisional World Cup squad overshadowed the Scotland training session in Perth at the weekend.

Having seen doctors on Friday after returning from holiday, Townsend was as shocked as anyone by the extent of the injury sustained in Gala's final league match of the season, against Hawick nine days ago. He felt that the damage to the knee on which surgeons had operated last summer was not that serious.

Townsend, 21, was doing his best yesterday to hide his disappointment at missing the World Cup. "I had got over it by the time I drove back from hospital," he said. "Within a couple of hours, I had come to terms with it. I just had to look on the positive side of things and get on with my studies."

That will mean sitting his politics finals at Edinburgh University in May and June rather than in September, as had been anticipated.

"It's just one of those things," he said. "I suppose I've got time on my side, but I would love to have gone to South Africa."

While one door closes for Townsend, another opens for Tony Stanger, the Hawick and former international wing who has decided that his future lies in the centre. Since making his move, Stanger has not featured in the Scotland selectors' plans, but he is in the provisional squad and seems certain to go to South Africa when the final 26-strong party is announced on Thursday.

Stanger, 26 and the holder of 36 caps, said that he was taking nothing for granted. "I feel desperately sorry for Gregor," he said. "I'm a big fan of his. He has been the person in my way this season, but his absence gives me more of a chance."

Paterson also confirmed that Alan Sharp, the Bristol prop, is extremely doubtful for the tournament. He broke down with the recurrence of a back injury.

IRELAND WORLD CUP SQUAD: Backs: C O'Shea (Lansdowne), J Staples (Harlequins), S Geoghegan (Bath), D O'Mahony (UCD), R Wallace (Garryowen), J Bell (Ballymena), M Field (Malone), B Mullin (Blackrock College), P Burke (Cork Constitution), E Elwood (Lansdowne), M Bradley (Cork Constitution), J Hogan (Terenure College). Forwards: J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), G Halpin (London Irish), N Popplewell (Wasps), P Wallace (Blackrock College), T Kingston (Dolphin, captain), K Wood (Garryowen), N Francis (Old Belvedere), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), D Tweed (Ballymena), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), A Foley (Shannon), E Halvey (Shannon), P Johns (Dungannon), D McBride (Malone).

Kicking frailties put Harlequins at grave disadvantage

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BY BRYAN STILES

JOHN HALL is one of those abrasive figures who demands the highest standards from his players and leads by painful example as he pursues the glittering prizes. He is shepherding Bath towards a unique double double — victory in the league and cup for two seasons in succession — an achievement other captains will find difficult to emulate.

Hall, who led Bath into a meeting with Wasps in the final of the Pilkington Cup by virtue of this handsome victory at the Stoop Memorial ground on Saturday, is to retire at the end of the season and by then is hoping that, Wasps having been disposed of at Twickenham, the Courage Clubs Championship will be secure again. Bath have been front-runners all season but have faltered recently and stand second to Leicester on points difference.

The whiff of anticipated revenge lay heavily in the air at the Stoop as Bath savoured the prospect of meeting Wasps in the final, for it was Wasps who helped knock them off their league perch recently. Hall and Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, both relish the idea of extracting retribution at the most illustrious of venues.

They will need their goalkicker, Jon Callard, to be in the kind of form he was in on Saturday when he picked up 13 points, missing only one attempt at goal. Brian Moore, captain of Harlequins, put much of the blame for his team's defeat on Callard's skill and his own side's inability to find the target through the efforts of Jim Staples, Will Greenwood and Paul Challinor. He suggested that Wasps might have the edge over Bath in the final when the goalkicking skills of Rob Andrew, for Wasps, and Callard could decide the issue.

Moore was concerned at the demoralising effect the inaccurate goalkicking has had on his team for most of the season, as good attacking play has won penalties which have been frittered away. It has left Harlequins fighting for survival in the relegation zone.

On Saturday, Staples missed with four kicks at goal in the first half. If he had succeeded with two of his penalty attempts, it would have given Harlequins the lead at the interval.

As it was, Bath enjoyed a 13-8 advantage, which gave them the leeway to play the integrated backs-and-forwards game that is their hallmark. Some of their second half assaults, led by Clarke, Ojomoh and Hall, were a joy. At times it was like a frolic in the sunshine, except for the bruising suffered by Harlequins' defenders.

Hall and Ojomoh might also have been trying to prove that they are among the best back-row players in England and should not have been excluded from the party for the World Cup.

One Bath player who has nothing to prove is Tony Swift, the try-poacher supreme. He, too, is retiring at the end of this season — even though his father thinks he could carry on until he is 40 — and wants to contribute to the double double. He delivered a try-double on Saturday during Bath's second-half assault, turning up almost on his opposite wing to take an awkward pass and hurtle over, then winning the race to touch down a delicate chip ahead by Guscott.

Harlequins' pleasure at the assured play of David Pears, after his return from injury, turned to despair when was concussed tackling Ojomoh in the eightieth minute. He will be out for three weeks.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Staples, Challinor. Penalty goal: Staples. Bath: Tries: de Glanville, Swift (2). Conversions: Callard (2). Penalty goals: Callard (3). Dropped goal: Carr.

HARLEQUINS: J Staples; P Mensah, W Carling, W Greenwood, S Bromley, D Pears, R Kitchin; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Watson, A Snow, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby. Staples replaced by P Challinor (73min).

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, J Guscott, J Seighnorne, M Carr, I Sanders; K Yates, G Adams, J Mallett, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman, S Ojomoh, B Clarke. Carr replaced by R Butland (63).

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire)



Hall: inspiring leader

Pretenders swept aside

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BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

MIKE RUDDOCK and Dennis John were named on Friday evening to assist Alex Evans in coaching Wales through the World Cup tournament in South Africa. On Saturday, though, impending camaraderie was put to one side as Swansea and Pontypridd, their respective charges, went about this critical match in the Heineken League.

When the sides met at Sardis Road in November, Swansea were fresh from a 70-point mauling from the touring South Africans. Showing no mercy, Pontypridd swept them aside 32-10 and maintained that momentum to stand, at Saturday lunchtime, level with Cardiff in a straight duel for the championship.

With tries scored being decisive when sides are equal on points, and with Cardiff nine to the good, Pontypridd needed to win, and win well, simply to stand still. Ruddock, though, had other ideas.

"We congratulate Pontypridd on what they have achieved so far this season," he said, "but we are sure they will appreciate us still wanting to influence the outcome of the league, even though we cannot retain the title. It's nothing personal." And influence it Swansea did.

While Cardiff were boosting their try count at the expense of Dunvant, Swansea tripped into Pontypridd for 80 pulsating minutes, swept them aside by a score that did scant justice to their superiority, and, bar the shouting, gifted the trophy to the men from the Arms Park. A Cardiff victory at Newbridge on Maundy Thursday would effectively close the case.

Had a passer-by glanced into St Helen's not knowing that Swansea — the Whites — were playing in blue, he could have been forgiven for thinking that the game was running to form. Pinned in their own half by a rampaging pack, Pontypridd — primarily white — looked a far cry from the side that has, in the words of Clem Thomas, been playing "animated, aggressive and excellent rugby", and they made poor use of what scraps of possession they gleaned.



Jones: perfect partner

In only his second outing for the first XV this season, Lyndon Griffiths stole the show for Swansea. Until he left the field with severe cramp, after 70 minutes, this former youth international, still only 20, probed at and punished Pontypridd in the manner of Welsh No 10s of old.

True, Griffiths was playing outside Robert Jones, who again justified his reputation as being the best scrum half in the world, but he was facing Neil Jenkins and, particularly, Richie Collins, the ideal man to put a young upstart in his place. On the day, though, Griffiths was simply too good, three penalty goals from him in the first half-hour setting Swansea on their way.

Jenkins gave Pontypridd hope with two in reply, but Swansea surged back with tries by Boobyer and Williams and a fourth penalty goal by Griffiths to shut them out. Jones, Clement and Appleyard set up the first, Jones, Appleyard and Simon Davies, with an inspired, or maybe speculative, inside flip, the second. Game, set and match to Ruddock: trophy to Cardiff.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: Boobyer, Williams. Penalty goals: Griffiths (4). Pontypridd: Penalty goals: Jenkins (2).

SWANSEA: A Clement; A Hames, D Weatherly, R Boobyer, Simon Davies; L Griffiths, R Jones; C Loader, G Jenkins, K Colclough, A Reynolds, P Arnold, A Moore, R Appleyard, Stuart Davies. Griffiths replaced by A Williams (70min); S Moore temporary replacement for Reynolds.

PONTYPRIDD: C Cormack; D Manley, J Lewis, S Lewis, O Robins; N Jenkins, Paul John; N Bezant, Phil John, A Metcalfe, M Spiller, G Prosser, M Rowley, R Collins, D McIntosh. Spiller replaced by M Lloyd (63).

Referee: W D Bevan (Clydach).

Tunes of glory sound for Navy at long last

Royal Navy	34
Army	17

BY ALISON KERVIN

PASSIONATE renditions of *Sailing* pounded through Twickenham on Saturday, threatening to shake the half-built stadium to its foundations. Rod Stewart would have been proud. As, indeed, would anyone with seafaring connections. The Royal Navy sailed to a convincing 34-17 win over the Army, their first victory for eight years, and the taste of glory was all the sweeter for the wait.

The Navy scored five tries to the Army's two, proving themselves stronger up front, more reliable at the back, and relentless in pursuit of the ball. Their strategy was well thought-out and better executed than that of their opponents. It was their day, and it all unfolded in front of a crowd enjoying sun and song.

The first evidence of the Navy's supremacy came after ten minutes. The Army were leading 3-0, through an early penalty, when Fletcher, the stand-off half, scored in the corner. The Navy's second try ended five minutes of constant pressure. They camped metres from the Army line, penetrating their defence inch by inch, then regrouped from the breakdown. They edged nearer and nearer, before the Army could get possession and kick into touch.

From lineout to driving maul and back again, the Navy battled towards the line. The try was finally scored by Powell, after nearly every team member had touched the ball. Coulton scored a penalty from the halfway line to make it 13-3 at the break.

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The Navy added a penalty and a dropped goal minutes into the second half before Burns, the prop, charged his way over in the corner. Just when it was beginning to look as if the Navy would overwhelm the Army, Graham replied, running in under the posts for a converted try.

But the Navy had not quite finished. Livingstone scored to make it 29-10, before White, who had shown amazing speed throughout the game, had his moment. He outsprinted three Army defenders to touch down in the corner for a superb try.

Sanger, who had come on for Deanes, gave the Army the last word when he scored under the posts but it was too late to stop the Navy supporters singing long into the night.

SCORERS: Navy: Tries: Fletcher, Powell, Burns, Livingstone, White. Dropped goal: Sisson. Penalty goals: Coulton (2). Army: Tries: Graham, Sanger. Conversion: Hammond (2). Penalty goal: Hammond.

ROYAL NAVY: S/Lt J Coulton (RNAS Culdrose), MNE C White (RM Deal), Lt/S D Sisson (HMS London), Surg Lt B Powell (GCRM), MNE (MUSN) S Brown (RM Deal); PO I Fletcher (HMS Repulse). Cpl P Livingstone (RM Stonehouse); LWEM S Burns (HMS Collingwood). Cpl M Wootterton (45 CDOR/A), WEM R Parkes (HMS Drake), Cpl R Armstrong (CTCRM), LPO G Harrison (HMS Warrior), L/Cpl D Cross (RM Stonehouse), Lt C Palmer RM (HMS Warrior, capt), C/Sgt M Reece (CTCRM). Sisson replaced by S/Lt M Jarrett (HMS Dryad, 35min).

ARMY: Lt R Abernethy (RGR); Lt H Graham (RHA), Capt A Glasgow (RE), Capt A Deanes (AGC), Lt B Johnson (R Signals), Sgt D Hammond (REME), Capt S Pinder (DWR); L/Cpl M Stewart (PWRR), Capt J Brammer (RE, capt), Sgt J Fowers (RHA), Cpl P Curtis (R Signals), Sig G Archer (R Signals), Spr R Hunter (RE), Capt G Knight (DWR), Sgt C Rushworth (REME). Dean replaced by Cpl A Sanger (RE, 70).

Referee: J Pearson (Durham)

Clarke clones leave Scottish youngsters reeling

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BY MARK SOUSTER

SCOTLAND leave for the international under-19 tournament in Romania on Thursday shaken by the power of the England colts but stirred by their own performance, which epitomised, at Stirling on Saturday, their qualities of grit and determination.

In truth, it was a thumping defeat, engineered for England by a pack of Ben Clarke clones which sucked in and ground down the Scots. They were forced to live on their natural wit and invention; on the day, that was not enough.

David Sole, the Scotland manager, was disappointed with the result. "It's welcome to the real world for our boys," he said. "It was a steep learning curve, but I was pleased with the way we stuck at it in the second half. At one stage, we were looking at a 40-50 point loss."

Sole, though, knows that his callow youngsters need to spend long hours in the gymnasium to be able to compete effectively with the likes of England, who used their size up front to blast holes in the defence. That, allied to a continuity that Jack Rowell, the senior England manager, would have been proud of, meant that there was only going to be one winner.

After a bright opening 15 minutes, particularly from Gavin Dalgleish at stand-off half, in which Scotland attacked with vigour, the England sleeping giants awoke. From their first serious attack, Graeme Smith ran in a try on the left to cancel a penalty goal by Scott Tomlinson.

In the second half, four more tries were added as the Scotland defence was stretched to breaking point. Only sloppy handling prevented England adding to scores by Robert Ashforth, Daniel Zaltzman, Roy Winters and Fraser Waters.

Although Iain Sinclair, the Scotland captain, and Scott Murray, his back-row colleague, did their utmost to stem the tide, the England power game wore them down. The sheer effort of containment resulted in the Scots using five replacements, three because of injuries to centres.

The fresh blood helped the Scots to rally briefly. Danny Bull scored two tries in quick succession, each from 40 metres out, and only a fortunate intervention by Robert Ashforth, the England full back, who caught Bull's kick ahead, denied him a third.

SCORERS: Scotland Under-19: Tries: Bull (2). Penalty goal: Tomlinson. England Under-19: Tries: Smith, Ashforth, Zaltzman, Winters, Waters. Conversions: Belgian (2). Penalty goal: Belgian.

SCOTLAND UNDER-19: S Tomlinson, A McLean, C Murray, R Kennedy, D Bull; G Dalgleish, G Beveridge; D Butcher, C Docherty, J Kelly, S Murray, C Hunter, I Fullerton, I Sinclair, S McNeill. Kennedy replaced by S Jenkins, C Murray replaced by R Williams; Butcher replaced by E Macdonald; McNeill replaced by M Smith, Kelly replaced by G Lambie.

ENGLAND UNDER-19: R Ashforth; G Truelove, F Waters, A Blyth, G Smith; P Belgian, P Harvey, P Vickery, P Greening, M Fitzgerald, E Pearce, D Zaltzman, C Murphy, N Spence, R Winters.

Referee: D Pruvot (France)

Trombone-playing teenager scales heights on sporting stage

The gifted schoolgirl with world at her feet

BY JOHN GOODBODY

IT IS staggering how some pupils can compress so much mental and physical energy into their lives. Take Jess Harrison, who has a persuasive claim to be Britain's most accomplished 17-year-old all-round schoolgirl.

Not only was she the first British junior to finish in the 1994 world triathlon championships and is goalkeeper for the Midland under-19 lacrosse team, she is taking three A levels and plays the trombone in her spare time.

Spare time? One wonders how she crams in the swimming and the biology, the cycling and the chemistry, the running and the geography.

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She is certainly a budding successor to her role model, Dr Sarah Springman, the Cambridge University lecturer and former European triathlon champion.

"Sarah is a fantastic lady," Harrison said. "At my first duathlon championships I was wavering on the run but she got me going again. I went on a training weekend a couple of years ago and Sarah made me realise how much fun it was."

The 520 girls at St Helen and St Katharine School in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, think she is "a bit mad, especially when I offer to do the cross country or when I go in goal at lacrosse. I think I must be a bit masochistic. In goal you have to like having balls hurled at you. But the other girls are really supportive".

Harrison is almost overburdened with sporting options. Does she concentrate on lacrosse, in which she is expected to be the England under-19 goalkeeper next year, or on running after recently finishing ninth in the All-England Schools Cross Country Championships, when she was more than two years younger than many of her rivals?

In lacrosse, Alison Hunt, the senior coach, terms her "100 per cent reliable. She is calm and interacts well with the defence. She is mobile, brave and keen to learn". She has been a stalwart of the school team, which lost only four of their 28 games last winter and furnished Melissa Platt, the head girl, for the England under-19 team.

However, Harrison has a special affection for the triathlon. "I like the whole package and the atmosphere is not touched by other sports." She is encouraged by the fact that her father Bob, 51, represents Britain in multi-event veteran competitions.

The school has a reputation for producing champions in multi-event sports. Georgina Rolt is the British under-17 modern pentathlon champion and Sarah Paterson is a member of the English under-21 tetrathlon squad.

During an ordinary winter week, she swims four times, has two runs, four lacrosse practices plus a match, and cycles on rollers at home while watching her favourite television programmes.

This year, representing Team Orange, her sponsors, she wants to qualify for the world triathlon championships in Mexico. Last year, she was twentieth but still has three years in her age group.

She does not believe training and academic work — she got 11 A grades at GCSE, five of which were starred — encroach excessively on her weekend social life, nor even on her diet.

"I try not to 'pig out' too much but I do not go overboard on the health and fitness side of eating either," she says.

When her mother is asked how she manages to combine such varied demands, plus all the travel to training and competitions, she replies: "With difficulty. At the moment we transport her about but I am just pinning my hopes on her passing her driving test soon."

Knowing her ability to succeed, that should be a formality. She may even end up a Formula One competitor.

PETER TREVNOR



A determined Harrison strikes a fearless pose on lacrosse goalkeeping duties



Harrison: talent to spare

Neutral stance altered by striking headgear

Julian Muscat finds the Boat Race build-up to be more rewarding than the contest itself

Pay no heed to critics of the Boat Race. The players are cossetted, coached and fit. They are there to win. The event passes the litmus test of sporting excellence with flying colours.

But first, the logistics, for there is no stadium, no strict focal point to the race. I am told to arrive early, no later than 10.30am. It is good advice. All is quiet at Putney Bridge some four hours before the start. I am drawn towards the row of boathouses and the opportunity for a bit of insight.

En route, I am nauseated by that other, infallible guide to the best of British sport — the stench of simmering onions. But here the day takes off. I tiptoe, like a thief, towards a warehouse entrance, where the boats are stacked like left-luggage at Paddington station.

A rower sees me coming. He is a big man. I fear ejection, but he wants only to help. The boats? "They weigh less than one oarsman," he tells me. "They are 60ft long, but no more than 2½ft at their widest point." I admire their shape, then notice the rudders. They are the size of beer mats. For the first time, the cox's role becomes plainly apparent.

This is proving time well spent for I immediately recognise the sense of anticipation. Like the crowds, the tide is now swelling, but ripples quickly give way to calm. I follow a piece of flotsam and am startled by its circuitous route. Who on God's earth would be a cox? The sellers of memorabilia trade briskly in those wretched baseball caps.

"You wear them in reverse, you know," says the vendor, plum in mouth. It is a sour turn, but the programme revealed all. Peering out at me, resplendent in reversed baseball cap, is Oxford's American president, Jeremiah "Hallelujah" McLanahan. I immediately strike an allegiance with Cambridge.

It is midday, and time to enter the Beefeater spirit — with a pint of beer. The Duke's Head is decked out with both beautiful people and pennants proclaiming Gordon's. An old paddle steamer passes by. "Oh, look, Cambridge have launched their boat," says a wag in dark blue. We'll show them, I think to myself. I have definitely taken sides.

I emerge to find vantage points secured all along the river bank. This is of no concern. I am advised to watch the toss for stations and proceed immediately to the finish. The Oxford coach arrives. Was that Abbie Chapman, their cox, nervously pulling at the ends of her fingers?

At the site for the toss, the atmosphere has changed. Barricades surround officials

> 'I am advised to watch the toss and then leave for the finish'

and rowers alike. I can see nothing. I enquire of a blazer, to be told that Cambridge will start from Surrey. There is no announcement to that effect. Reluctantly, I depart by taxi for the finish, and the day disintegrates.

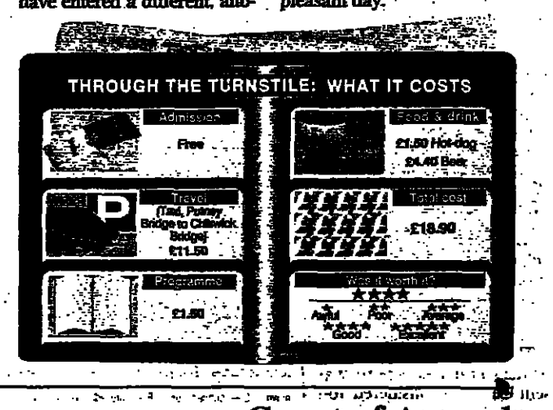
The driver says he does not like the Boat Race, prefers boxing, knows Barry McGuigan, would like to go six rounds with Barney Eastwood, has sympathy with Dennis Wise. And he wants to see a vegetable replace the head of Terry Venables. I have entered a different, altogether more unpleasant, sporting habitat.

Atmosphere at the finish, below Chiswick Bridge, is wholly lacking. We follow the race on the radio, know the result well before Cambridge come into view, four lengths to the good, as the radio promised. It is a moment devoid of soul. Those at the finish desperately need something to cheer. They *want* to cheer; they did so to a benign announcement from the police launch. A giant TV screen would have allowed us to see the close start, the threat of clashing blades, the duel for early supremacy.

The crowd was big and it deserved more upmarket catering outlets than vans disgorging hot dogs and ice cream. The only thing "jumbo" about my hot dog was the size of the roll in which it was buried. The hot dog itself was insubstantial, tasteless and cold.

More should be made of events like the toss. And the programme has scope for considerable improvement. Significantly, I considered all of this while twiddling my fingers down at the finish. I will go again to the Boat Race, only this time I will take root at the start. In the morning sunshine, it is definitely the place to be.

Then again, perhaps the Boat Race is like other sporting events of its size. Perhaps the build-up, as opposed to the race itself, is what makes for a pleasant day.



House of Lords

Ship sellers' duty of disclosure

Niobe Maritime Corporation v Tradax Ocean Transportation SA

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Speeches March 23]

The obligation on sellers under clause 11 of the Norwegian Saleform 1983 to notify the classification society of "any matters coming to their knowledge" prior to delivery that would lead to the withdrawal of the vessel's class or the imposition of a recommendation relating to her class applied to matters coming to their knowledge before or after the date of the contract of sale.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the plaintiff buyers, Niobe Maritime Corporation, from the Court of Appeal (Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Saville) ([1994] 1 Lloyd's Rep 487), who on February 10, 1994 had allowed an appeal by the defendant sellers, Tradax Ocean Transportation SA, from Mr Justice Gatehouse ([1993] 2 Lloyd's Rep 52) who on July 1, 1992, had allowed the buyers' appeal from arbitrators.

The sentence of clause 11 in question in the appeal was omitted in Norwegian Saleform 1993, but it is understood that Saleform 1983 is still in use.

Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Charles Haddon-Cave for the buyers; Mr Iain Milligan, QC and Mr Stephen Males for the sellers.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said that by a contract of sale dated May 14, 1987 on Saleform 1983 the sellers had sold an ore/bulk/(oil) carrier, subsequently renamed Niobe, to the buyers. She had already been inspected by them. She had been delivered 10 days later.

The buyers had raised a number of complaints as to the vessel's condition on delivery. The major complaint had related to the engine automation system. According to the buyers it had been found to be unrepairable. The arbitrators had found that it was worn out and obsolete.

Clause 11 of Saleform 1983 provided: "The vessel ... shall be delivered ... as she is at the time of inspection, fair wear and tear excepted.

"However, the vessel shall be delivered with present class free of recommendation. The sellers shall notify the classification society of any matters coming to their knowledge which upon being reported to the ... society would lead to the withdrawal of the vessel's class or to the imposition of a recommendation relating to her class."

The underlying obligation of the sellers under clauses 11 and 19 had been to deliver the vessel "with present class fully maintained, free of recommendations". The vessel had been registered with Det Norske Veritas. Her class had included the notation "E.O."

To qualify for that notation, she had to be capable of operating under normal sea and manoeuvring conditions for 24 hours without the engine room being manned. It was the seller's obligation under the rules of the classification society to notify the society of any matters affecting class, including any matter affecting the notation "E.O." that might lead to a recommendation or the withdrawal of that notation.

The arbitrators had held that on the plain meaning of clause 11 the second sentence of the second paragraph applied only to matters coming to the sellers' knowledge after the date of the contract, or possibly after the date of the inspection.

Since the sellers had known or ought to have known that the engine automation system was worn out before the date of the contract, they had not been in breach of clause 11.

The judge had held that the plain meaning of the words did not point to the date of contract. He had preferred the view, expressed obiter by the Court of Appeal in *The World Horizon (Note)* ([1993] 2 Lloyd's Rep 52, 56), that the correct date was that of the last relevant survey.

Lord Justice Saville had held that "coming to their knowledge" could only mean "of which they become aware". The words necessarily pointed to knowledge acquired after the date of the contract, since it was only on the date of the contract that the contractual provisions took effect.

The Master of the Rolls had said that the buyers' construction, although commercially sensible, was a gloss on the contract, not justified by any process of construction.

The express term in clause 11 had been incorporated in the standard form of contract as a direct consequence of the gap exposed in *The Buena Trader* ([1978] 2 Lloyd's Rep 325), where the Court of Appeal had declined to imply a term to similar effect.

Mr Rokison had argued that the purpose must have been to fill the gap by making the sellers' contractual obligation to the buyers co-extensive with their obligation under the rules of the classification society.

The sellers, he submitted, were obliged to inform the society of matters affecting class whenever such matters might have come to their knowledge. Obviously, however, they need not inform the society of what the society already knew. So in practice the obligation would not go back beyond the date of the last relevant survey.

His Lordship said that there could be no doubt that that was the commercially sensible construction. What would be the sense in allowing the sellers to conceal from the society defects coming to their knowledge over what might be a lengthy period of four or five years since the last special survey, while obliging them to reveal defects coming to their knowledge in the few weeks between contract and delivery?

The purpose of the second sentence of the second paragraph must have been to give substance and effect to the preceding sentence. There was nothing inherently contradictory, or even unusual, in contractual obligations dating back.

Every commercial consideration seemed to point in favour of Mr Rokison's argument that the contractual obligation was intended to be coextensive with the obligation to the society. If the language of clause 11 permitted it, his Lordship would wish to give it that effect.

Grammatically, "coming to their knowledge" was an adjectival present participle governing "matters". The phrase had no temporal significance in itself, as one could demonstrate by changing the language.

If the sentence had said "matters coming to their knowledge, whether before or after the date of the contract", it could not have been suggested that "coming to their knowledge" was grammatically incorrect, even though it related to the past as well as the future.

Of course, the phrase might take colour from its context and might in some contexts point only to the future, but in the present context the adjectival phrase was as apt to cover knowledge acquired before the contract as after. Like "within their knowledge" it meant matters known to the sellers, neither more nor less.

It followed that there was no terminus a quo and the sellers were obliged to inform the society before delivery of all matters affecting class whenever such matters might have come to their knowledge. In practice, it would not usually be necessary to go back beyond the last relevant survey.

Lord Keith, Lord Jauncey, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Middleton Potts.

Occupancy was as secure tenant

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council v Paice

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment March 17]

The tenant of a dwellinghouse which formed part of business premises of which his landlord was the intermediate lessee under a tenancy granted by the local authority became a secure tenant under the Housing Act 1985 upon surrender of the mesne tenancy.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr Tony Walter James Paice against a declaration made by Judge Brodrick at Basingstoke County Court that Mr Paice, in respect of his occupation of premises at Coronation Road, Basingstoke, was not a secure tenant of the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Mr Keith Wylie for Mr Paice; Mr Jeffrey Widdup for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that by a lease dated April 10, 1984 the council demised to a Mr Jacques L'Heureux, the mesne landlord, garage premises at Coronation Road, the main premises, for a term of 15 years from August 1980 at an annual rent, subject to periodic review, of £6,000.

In 1985 the mesne landlord in breach of covenant converted part of the office portion of the main premises into a residential flat. He allowed Mr Paice into occupation of the flat at a rent payable weekly. The flat was a dwellinghouse for the purposes of the Rent Acts and accordingly Mr Paice became a protected tenant of the flat as against the mesne landlord under the Rent Act 1977.

In November 1990 the mesne landlord surrendered the unexpired term of the lease of the main premises to the council. In January 1991 the council brought possession proceedings against Mr Paice.

By the date of the hearing the council were prepared to concede that, following the surrender of the lease, Mr Paice had become their direct tenant, holding over as a weekly tenant. It was undisputed that he could not set up statutory protection under the Rent Acts against the council.

The sole relevant issue for the judge was: what kind of tenancy did Mr Paice enjoy? Was it a secure tenancy under the 1985 Act or a simple weekly tenancy capable of being brought to an end by one month's notice at common law?

Until the coming into force of the Housing Act 1980, tenants of local housing authorities had no statutory security of tenure. That Act introduced, and the 1985 Act continued, an entirely new statutory creature which imported elements from the 1977 Act but differed from that code in important respects.

The 1977 Act contained, but the 1985 Act did not contain, express provision to deal with the situation where subtenants became tenants of the head lessor on the determination of the intermediate lease. In particular, there was no equivalent to be found in the 1985 Act of section 137(2) of the 1977 Act.

The hallmarks of a secure tenancy were laid down by section 79 of the 1985 Act, which provided: "A tenancy under which a dwellinghouse is let as a separate dwelling is a secure tenancy at any time when the conditions described in sections 80 and 81 as the landlord condition and the tenant condition are satisfied."

Mr Widdup accepted that the tenancy was of a dwellinghouse; and, with a local authority as landlord and a tenant occupying the premises as his main or principal residence, he acknowledged that the landlord and the tenant conditions were both satisfied. But he said that the flat was not let as a separate dwelling.

He accepted that it was so let today but not at the moment of surrender of the mesne landlord's lease. At that moment, which he submitted was the crucial one, it formed an integral part of the main premises which were held as a whole under the lease.

As between Mr Paice and the council, then his head lessor, no separate dwelling within the premises were involved. The only relevant premises at that point were the main premises held by the mesne landlord and those were premises which were not let as a separate dwelling and were, in any event, business premises and therefore incapable of attracting secure tenancy status.

In his Lordship's view that approach was mistaken. It was contradicted by the language of the section itself. The use of the term "at any time" showed that the section was to have ambulatory effect.

Occupiers might be liable to pass in and out of secure tenant status, depending upon whether their landlord for the time being was or was not a local authority, or upon changes in the tenant's own circumstances taking him in and out of the tenant condition.

The real moral of the present case was that local authorities who engaged in the leasing of commercial premises should be careful, when negotiating a surrender of the mesne lease, to ensure that, before the surrender took effect, notices to quit had been served to terminate the contractual tenancy rights of any occupying periodic subtenants of residential parts of the property.

His Lordship would substitute for the declaration granted by the judge a declaration that Mr Paice was a secure tenant of the flat.

Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed.

Solicitors: Doggett Hawke Wright, Basingstoke; Mr M. D. Sullivan-Gould, Basingstoke.

Delay caused by absence of legal aid for libel

Gilberthorpe v Hawkins and Others

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Ward and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment March 15]

The absence of legal aid in libel proceedings should be treated sympathetically by a judge considering an application to strike out an action on the ground of delay which the plaintiff asserted was caused by lack of finance.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Anthony Gilberthorpe against the order of Mr Justice Drake on October 26, 1993 that his libel action against the second and third defendants, News Group Newspapers Ltd and Mirror Group Newspapers (1986) Ltd, be struck out on the ground of delay.

Mr Andrew Nicol for the plaintiff; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Miss Alexandra Marzec for News Group Newspapers Ltd; Mr Andrew Caldecott, QC, for Mirror Group Newspapers (1986) Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that, in response to the plaintiff's excuse that lack of finance had caused the delay in prosecuting his action, Mr Justice Drake had said:

"I have to take note of the fact that there is no legal aid in libel as a matter of government policy ... To find a lack of finance as an excuse for delay might encourage some plaintiffs to bring defamation proceedings and allow them to drag on, at the expense meantime of the defendants, in the hope of obtaining certain advantages such as a buying-off settlement of the action or a prolonged injunction."

The plaintiff said that Mr Justice Drake was guilty there of an error of principle because the court had to exercise its own discretion.

His Lordship had to say that he did not follow the logic of the judge's remarks. The absence of legal aid in libel proceedings was a factor which should elicit a sympathetic approach from a judge because it meant that a plaintiff had to finance the action himself, against defendants who very often, as in this case, had no problems in financing themselves.

However, Mr Justice Drake had gone on to say that lack of finance was a ground of excuse which it was proper for the court to consider. He had plainly considered the matter on its merits and his earlier remarks had not destroyed the exercise of his discretion.

His Lordship concluded, however, that the appeal would be allowed on an alternative ground.

Lord Justice Ward gave a concurring judgment and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Stephens Innocent; Farrer & Co; Mishcon de Reya.

Accused's right of election for mode of trial

Regina v Ipswich Justices, Ex parte Callaghan

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment March 13]

Where justices were to decide whether a case involving co-accused was suitable for summary trial, it was not permissible for them to base their decision on a wish to avoid separate trials, since that would defeat the right of election given to each accused individually.

The procedure in section 19 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 was separate from and must precede the procedure in section 20.

The Queen's Bench Divisional court so stated when allowing an application for judicial review by Reginald Callaghan of a decision of Ipswich Justices on June 28, 1994 to decline jurisdiction to deal with him by way of summary trial and to adjourn the case for committal to the crown court.

Mr Callaghan was jointly charged with two co-defendants with offences of attempted theft and burglary.

At the mode of trial hearing, where all parties were legally represented, the prosecution stated that the case was suitable for summary trial.

Mr Callaghan's solicitor concurred. His co-defendants made no representations.

Before the justices were formally asked to consider mode of trial, the clerk asked if any of the defendants was electing crown court trial. The two co-defendants indicated that they were. There was no indication of the pleas any of the defendants would tender.

The justices were advised that because two defendants were electing crown court trial, that was a matter for consideration in the interests of justice being served by all defendants being tried together. The justices did not retire or ask for further representations. They stated that the matter was not suitable for summary trial.

Mr Nicholas Paul for Mr Callaghan: the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that the justices had purported to follow the procedure laid down in sections 19 and 20 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

In relation to the contents of that section of *Practice Note (Mode of trial: Guidelines)* ([1990] 1 WLR 1439) headed "Features relevant to individual offences", the present case was one magistrates could have been expected to find more suitable for summary trial as the prosecution had submitted. There was nothing in the affidavit of the clerk to the justices before the court to contradict that.

His Lordship approached the case on the basis that the crucial and overriding factor in the justices' decision was their wish to avoid the possibility of separate trials.

Mr Paul had referred to *In re Gillard* ([1986] AC 442, 454C) per Lord Bridge and *R v Brentwood Justices, Ex parte Nicholls* ([1992] 1 AC 1, 7G) per Lord Keith: "It is an irresistible conclusion that in section 20(3) the right of election is given to each accused individually, and that the result of it is not intended to be affected by the nature of any different election made by any of his co-accused".

In his affidavit before the court the clerk sought to distinguish what Lord Bridge said in *Gillard* on the basis that Lord Bridge had in mind cases in which a defendant electing summary trial was pleading guilty and the question of separate trials did not arise. He sought to distinguish *Nicholls* on the basis that the justices had already decided on summary trial when the question arose.

In his Lordship's judgment, the factual distinction did not affect the principles to be applied. The justices were wrong to base their decision under section 19 on the fact that an indication had been given by the co defendants that they would elect trial by indictment.

Under section 19 justices had to decide whether the offence appeared to them more suitable for summary trial or trial by indictment. The other circumstances to which the court was to have regard under section 19(3) were those relevant to the offence.

It was not separate trials. The decision required under the procedure under section 19 was separate from and must precede the procedure to be followed under section 20. To hold otherwise would in effect be to defeat the right of election given to each accused individually as highlighted by Lord Keith in *Nicholls*.

The election of trial on indictment by a co-defendant, as in Nicholls, did not deprive a defendant of his rights to a summary trial nor could an indication by a co-defendant that such an election would be made. That indication could not, in any event, be binding.

If the result was that defendants jointly charged could, in a case suitable for trial in the magistrates' court, elect to be tried separately, albeit before different courts, that appeared to be the effect of the statute as interpreted in the cases.

Mr Justice Keene agreed.

Solicitors: Gepp & Sons, Colchester.

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Court of Appeal

Maguire to ride Ebony Jane

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

DERMOT WELD yesterday booked Adrian Maguire to ride Ebony Jane in the Martell Grand National at Aintree on Saturday and left punters in no doubt that the mare could spring a shock result.

"She has an sporting chance and should the race be won by an outsider I expect it to be her," the Irish trainer said.

Ebony Jane finished fourth behind Miinnehoma last year five days after filling third spot in the Irish Grand National, a race she won in 1993 when trained by Francis Flood. The ten-year-old has been below her best this season, notably when finishing tenth last time out in an amateur riders' race at Cheltenham.

However, she delighted Weld in a workout at the Curragh on Saturday and while William Hill are still offering 33-1, Corals trimmed Weld's only chaser to 20-1.

"She worked really well and showed a lot of sparkle. Ridden by Pat Shanahan, she went right away from some decent Flat handicappers during a 14-furlong workout.

"I have had some niggling problems with her. She was intermittently lame after Cheltenham, where she rapped herself early on in the race, and she missed an intended race with Adrian at Naas because of that, but she's over her problems now."

Weld has had only two previous runners in the Grand National, including Greasepaint, who finished second to Corbiere in 1983. He has enjoyed considerable success when Maguire has ridden for him, including the victories of General Idea in the Galway Plate and Fortune And Fame in this season's A. I. G. Europe Champion Hurdle. Interestingly, Weld is likely to be represented by either Definite Article, winner of last season's group one National Stakes, or Free To Speak in the Kentucky Derby Trial at Lingfield 24 hours before the Grand National. If the chosen horse runs well, he could join the Henry Cecil-trained Eltish at Churchill Downs in May.

Party Politics, winner of the Grand National in 1992, will be ridden by Mark Dwyer at Aintree. Nick Gaselee, trainer of the massive chaser, said yesterday: "He did his last piece of work on Saturday and we are very pleased with him. We are hoping for a big run as he is in great form. If it is good to fast ground at Liverpool that would suit him and if he can reproduce his Rehearsal Chase form [where he was a good second to Master Oats] I would be delighted."

Master Oats, a best priced 11-2 with Corals, had a schooling session at Kim Bailey's Upper Lambourn yard yesterday morning, watched by Yogi Breisner, the show jumping guru. It was the first time since winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup that Master Oats had been required to practise his jumping skills.

"Delighted," Bailey said afterwards. "He jumped five-foot poles and, funnily enough, he didn't send them flying. It was the first time that has happened."

The next step in the attempt to complete a Gold Cup-Grand National double will come tomorrow when Norman Williamson schools Master Oats over an Aintree-style fence, which is being built specially on the Lambourn Downs by Eddie Fisher.

☐ Darryll Holland received a six-day ban (from April 10) at Wolverhampton on Saturday after easing his mount, Lady Kuynder, passing the winning post with a circuit still to race in the Trescott Median Auction Maiden Stakes. The combination finished tailed off.

Nap: MEMORABLE
(3.00 Kelso)
Next best: The Whip
(3.40 Fontwell Park)

Richard Evans was in excellent form at Warwick on Saturday. He napped Canovas Heart (5-1) and coupled it with El Supremo (8-1) for a 53-1 double.

ED BYRNE



Seven Of Diamonds leads at the second last on his way to a win in the Peregrine Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday

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Government raises risks on sports spread betting

Arthur Daley would approve, no doubt. The strict controls and regulations surrounding sports spread betting, which offer protection to backers and prevent conmen setting up shop and fleecing gullible victims, are about to be removed by the Government.

Nobody in this relatively new and fast expanding business — Sporting Index, City Index, IG Index or their customers — is seeking the change. Far from it, and the driving force behind the alteration is nothing more than political dogma.

However, in this case the Government's obsession with deregulation could have dire consequences by providing the Dishonest Arthurs of the bookmaking world with rich pickings or leaving a long line of punters unpaid.

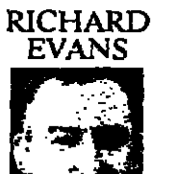
To underline the stupidity of the Government,the impending decision to remove sports betting from the scope of the Financial Services Act (FSA) — and, therefore, the supervision of the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) — will not save the taxpayer a penny, but could expose many to high risks.

First, the basics, which ministers at the Treasury and Department of Trade and Industry (each says the other is the 'lead' department in this issue) appear not to appreciate. Unlike having a bet on the Grand National, where the punter will know how much he may lose when striking the bet, a backer has less idea of the potential losses with a spread bet.

Let us take the example of a Test match. Sporting Index makes a spread suggesting West Indies will score between 340 and 350 runs in the first innings against England. A punter who decides West Indies will not bat well decides to "sell" at £5 a run. If he is correct and West Indies are bowled out for 140 runs, he will make £1,000 — 200 times his stake. However, should they score 640 he will lose £1,500 — 300 times his stake. The risks, therefore, can be sizeable.

Spread bets are known legally as Contracts for Difference and are enforceable by law whether the spreads involve financial markets or sports events. Just as important, spread betting is subject to tough controls and supervisions from the SFA.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

As a result, Sporting Index is obliged to highlight the downside of any bet and its advertisements have to be passed by the SFA with equal prominence being given to how much punters can lose as well as win. The firm also has to have a substantial bond — now £2 million — in the event of having to meet hefty pay-outs.

Just imagine what could and probably will happen when the Government does away with such regulation. Dishonest Arthurs will suddenly spring up and, with little financial backing, tempt would-be punters with adverts such as "Back West Indies to thrash the English bowlers and win 300 times your stake" with no mention about potential losses. Even more worrying, is the prospect of high pressure salesmanship, of the type who gave the commodity futures market such a bad name in the 1980s, making an unwanted return.

The Government's argument in favour of the change is weak, as a letter from Anthony Nelson, a Treasury minister, confirms. The inclusion of sports spread betting within the scope of the FSA "is something of an anomaly" which had not been intended. A 1991 court case, confirming that such spread betting was within the FSA, was "unexpected."

According to Nelson, sports spread betting is not an issue of investor protection, unlike spread betting on financial markets. The glaring inconsistency will mean, for example, that City Index and IG Index will be subject to regulation for their financial spreads but not for sports spreads.

Home Office ministers, whose responsibilites include gaming and gambling, are becoming increasingly concerned at the prospect of such an unregulated minefield. They should tell their colleagues in the Treasury and DTI: "If it ain't broken, don't try to fix it."

Alderbrook seventh at Longchamp

ALDERBROOK could finish only seventh behind the André Fabre-trained Freedom Cry in the group two £35,928 Prix d'Harcourt (1m 2f) at Longchamp yesterday.

The Paul Kelleway-trained Pelder (Frankie Dettori) was sent off an unconsidered 76-1 chance, but came to challenge Freedom Cry entering the final furlong and finished second, beaten by a neck.

The winner, who was coupled in the betting with third-placed Tuesday's Special as a 24-10 chance, is likely to be aimed at the group one Prix Ganay in four weeks' time.

Alderbrook was beaten less than four lengths and was "not disgraced" according to his trainer, Julie Cecil. Paul Eddery added: "They didn't go fast enough for him and he really needed this to get back into the swing of Flat racing."

Kelleway said of Pelder: "He has been working well at home. He likes the soft ground and this type of track and could return to France."

☐ The Clive Brittain-trained Ionio finished sixth behind the Dubai-trained 11-10 favourite Red Bishop (Michael Kinane) in the £191,736 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (1m 3f) at Sha Tin on Saturday.

THUNDERER

2.10 Polden Pride
2.40 The Malakarma
3.10 *Drummond Warrior*
3.40 The Whip
4.10 Elegant Friend
4.40 Prince Teeton
5.10 *Tordo*

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.10 QUASIMODO.

[illegible] (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. B — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 APRIL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,429: 2m 2f) (22 runners)

101 234408 QUALITAIR MEMORY 12 (F,G,S) (A King) A Jones 6-11-12 ... S McNeill 82
102 36-0220 ROGER'S PAL 21 (B,S) (K Higson) A Moore 8-11-11 ... Pat Thompson (7) 88
103 503954 J BRAND 21 (CD,B,S) (T Pasquale) R Hodges 8-11-11 ... A Tory 92
104 1-22060 CHALLENGER ROW 21 (S) (V Semple) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-6 ... J Railton 93
105 30-5035 GAMEFULL GOLD 13 (G) (G Brown) S Dow 6-11-5 ... J Osborne 83
106 2-P5500 KALAKATE 19 (Four Bars Racing Club) J Bridger 10-11-5 ... G McCourt 94
107 3P0500 TIGER CLAW 110 (F,G) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) A Barrow 8-11-3 D Bridgwater 90
108 06233F MAMALAMA 32 (CD,F) (P Riddick) B Llewellyn 7-11-2 ... Miss E J Jones (7) 91
109 00423-2 WILTOSKI 241 (B,F,S) (R Ledger) R Ledger 7-11-1 ... Mrs N Ledger 88
110 0-F03OP ZAYAN 21 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 ... P Holley 85
111 10-4430 DANCING DANCER 81 (F) (AEC Electric Fencing Ltd (Hotline)) R Frost 6-10-13 J Frost 91
112 000-50F *POLDEN PRIDE 122 (BF) (D Leckyer) G Balding 7-10-10* ... B Clifford 85
113 408264 LAVALIGHT 103 (F) (L Phillips) R Hodges 8-10-10 ... I Lawrence 96
114 6803/00 GUNNERSBURY ROAN 33 (Miss J Newell) G Thorner 8-10-10 ... B Powell –
115 0P4230 JOKER JACK 13 (C,F,S) (R Dean) R Dean 10-10-5 ... A Procter (3) 91
116 025 SIR EDWARD HENRY 137 (B) (T Jones) Miss A Embiricos 5-10-4 ... N Mann 90
117 3U4402 STAPLEFORD LADY 12 (C Kyriakou) J Moore 7-10-3 ... W McFarland [illegible]
118 033-05P ABU DANCER 33 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-2 ... A Maguire 82
119 0-POP06 BAYLORD PRINCE 11 (S) (Miss J Ewer) Miss J Ewer 7-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7) 85
120 0060 DRAGONMIST 26 (R Dove) N Mitchell 5-10-0 ... N Williamson 80
121 80-0 LADY MAVIS 11 (Miss J Names) K Bishop 5-10-0 ... M Moran (7) –
122 800-023 *VERRO 11 (P Purdy) K Bishop 8-10-0* ... L Harvey –
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Long handicap: Baylord Prince 9-13, Dragonmist 9-12, Lady Mavis 9-10, Verro 9-9.

BETTING: 5-1 Challenger Row, 6-1 J Brand, 7-1 Stapleford Lady, 8-1 Roger's Pal, Wiltoski, 10-1 Gamefull Gold, Dancing Dancer, Polden Pride, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

ROGER'S PAL ½l 2nd of 17 to Villa Park in selling handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start with BAYLORD PRINCE (15lb better off) tailed off when pulled up before last. J BRAND 31l 4th of 9 to Violet's Boy in handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, soft). CHALLENGER ROW 18l 6th of 16 to Pinecone Peter in handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. WILTOSKI 4l 2nd of 6 to Kelly's Darling in selling handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, firm). SIR EDWARD HENRY 7l 2nd of 7 to Green Lane in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. STAPLEFORD LADY 6l 2nd to El Bambino in amateurs selling hurdle at Towcester (2m, good to soft). VERRO 14l 3rd to Cloghran Lad in selling handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: WILTOSKI

2.40 MONAVEEN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,003: 3m 2f 110yd) (13 runners)

201 3-03131 *THE MALAKARMA 17 (CD,G,S) (C Doisy) Mrs I McKie 9-11-11* ... L Harvey 85
202 421013 WOODLANDS BOY 26 (B,CD,F,S) (S Moore) R Hoad 7-11-7 ... N Williamson 83
203 141-424 CASTLE BLUE 119 (B,G,S) (R Parish) N Henderson 8-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald 88
204 F-832PP EARLY MAN 38 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 8-11-3 ... Peter Hobbs 82
205 35/31-UP BOTTLE BLACK 56 (S) (Miss K George) Miss K George 8-11-1 ... V Slattery –
206 P-PP451 SHEEPHAVEN 13 (B,G,S) (A Wates) T Casey 11-11-0 ... D Bridgwater 97
207 32-4P34 WILLOW GALE 14 (G) (J Plackett) P Butler 8-11-0 ... A Maguire 88
208 P6-4532 FIGHTING DAYS 125 (C,F,G) (F Hill) A Moore 9-10-12 ... B Powell 85
209 6F0230 PUNCH'S HOTEL 32 (B,CD,S) (Miss A Dawes) R Rowe 10-10-10 ... D O'Sullivan 90
210 0-4PP51 TRADER TYE 17 (S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-8 ... A P McCoy [illegible]
211 543F01 *DISTILLATION 20 (D,G,S) (G Edwards) G Edwards 10-10-7* ... S Burrough 85
212 6500-23 LEAGAUNE 26 (S) (Mrs A Searitt) T Casey 13-10-3 ... R Dunwoody 92
213 5404P5 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 13 (V,F) (Woodlands Wares Ltd) P Pritchard 10-10-0 R Davis 86

Long handicap: Woodlands Genhire 9-13.

BETTING: 7-2 The Malakarma, 4-1 Woodlands Boy, 5-1 Castle Blue, 7-1 Sheephaven, 8-1 Trader Tye, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

THE MALAKARMA beat Waterloo King 4l in 23-runner hunter chase at Cheltenham (4m 1f, soft). WOODLANDS BOY beat Cachapoony 3l in 14-runner handicap chase over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start with PUNCH'S HOTEL (10lb better off) 25l 3rd, EARLY MAN (7lb better off) pulled up before 2 out and BOTTLE BLACK (7lb better off) pulled up after 7 out. SHEEPHAVEN beat Tammy's Friend 9l in 7-runner handicap chase at Stratford (3m 4f, good to soft) with WOODLANDS GENHIRE (14lb better off) 25l 5th. TRADER TYE beat Larry's Lord 20l in 8-runner maiden chase at Fakenham (3m 110yd, good to soft). LEAGAUNE 13l 2nd of 21 to Romany Creek in handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start with THE MALAKARMA (5lb worse off) 5l 3rd, SHEEPHAVEN 2½l 4th and DISTILLATION (11lb better off) tailed off 14th.
Selection: THE MALAKARMA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	8	20	40.0	J Osborne	12	43	27.9
R Hoad	5	23	21.7	J Frost	21	85	24.7
J White	15	70	21.4	A Procter	3	13	23.1
N Henderson	6	29	20.7	G McCourt	7	34	20.6
J Moore	5	26	19.2	Peter Hobbs	19	97	19.6
Miss H Knight	5	26	19.2	A Maguire	25	132	18.9

3.10 TUSCAN NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,500: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

301 04-60 CAPO CASTANUM 10 (D Gyte-Thompson) Miss H Knight 6-11-0 ... J Osborne 78
302 22-004 DRUMMOND WARRIOR 11 (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 81
303 05 *ENVOPAKLEADA 26 (F Arthur) D Grissell 5-11-0* ... Peter Hobbs –
304 5404-22 FENGARI 95 (A Aylett) A Aylett 6-11-0 ... A Maguire [illegible]
305 F0 GILDAN 184 (J Plackett) P Butler 5-11-0 ... B Powell –
306 P-30 IKHTIRAA 18F (M Lowry) R O'Sullivan 5-11-0 ... D O'Sullivan 93
307 030 KAIFOON 21 (J Pearl) P Hitchens 6-11-0 ... S Fox (5) 83
308 55 POETIC FORM 18 (Trojan Racing) C Weedon 5-11-0 ... M Richards 92
309 56 PREMIER LEAGUE 11 (J Bridger) J Bridger 5-11-0 ... G McCourt 70
310 34-3004 *PRINCE NASHA 13 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-0* ... N Williamson 80
311 00 RYMER'S EXPRESS 150 (B McHugh) T Casey 5-11-0 ... R Dunwoody –
312 0 CLASSIC PAL 11 (P Tory) N Mitchell 4-10-8 ... D Skyrme 79

BETTING: 7-2 Fengari, 4-1 Capo Castanum, 5-1 Prince Nasha, 6-1 Drummond Warrior, 8-1 Envopakleada, Kaifoon, Poetic Form, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CAPO CASTANUM 35l 6th of 12 to Supreme Master in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start with IKHTIRAA 44l 10th. DRUMMOND WARRIOR 18l 4th of 19 to Sky Run in maiden hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) with PREMIER LEAGUE 13l 6th and CLASSIC PAL 21l 7th. FENGARI 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Stir Fry in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). IKHTIRAA 29l 3rd of 6 to Dark Den in conditions hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. KAIFOON 14l 3rd of 20 to Pampillo in conditional jockeys' claiming hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. PRINCE NASHA 15½l 4th of 14 to Grooving in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: FENGARI

3.40 STEEL LOCK HANDICAP CHASE (£3,003: 2m 3f) (11 runners)

401 03PP13 DWADME 44 (C,BF,F,S) (Sussex Renovations Ltd) R O'Sullivan 10-12-0 B Powell [illegible]
402 5PP1F-3 POWDER BOY 11 (F,G) (D Horlord) R Hodges 10-11-10 ... A Tory 86
403 10-FF00 BEACH BUM 13 (G) (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 9-11-9 ... G Upton 91
404 345502 RAMSTAR 14 (S) (B McCudden) C Mann 7-11-9 ... R Dunwoody 97
405 P6-PPPP CHIP AND RUN 12 (F,G) (C Murphy) Mrs J Retter 9-11-9 ... N Williamson –
406 F23631 *THE WHIP 11 (G,S) (Mrs R Howell) D Grissell 8-11-4* ... Peter Hobbs 97
407 P5013P HURRICANE TOMMY 37 (V,F,G) (Up and Running) A J Wilson 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald 95
408 164365 VAZON BAY 32 (B,F,G) (R & E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-1 ... W Marston 89
409 3PP44P YOUNG ALFIE 17 (B,S) (J Panvert) J Panvert 10-10-6 ... A Maguire 98
410 3533F5 DENNINGTON 17 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-3 ... A P McCoy 95
411 U0/2-435 MUSIC BOX 77 (G,S) (Mrs R Dobson) R Hodges 9-10-0 ... I Lawrence 98

Long handicap: Music Box 9-9.

BETTING: 9-4 The Whip, 7-2 Dwadme, 6-1 Vazon Bay, Powder Boy, 7-1 Ramstar, 10-1 Dennington, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DWADME beat The Carrol Man 9l in 6-runner handicap chase here (2m 2f, soft) on penultimate start. RAMSTAR 6l 2nd of 4 to Gladys Emmanuel in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m, soft). THE WHIP beat Mirage Dancer 4l in 7-runner handicap chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to soft) with POWDER BOY (5lb better off) 20l 3rd. HURRICANE TOMMY beat Bonanza neck in 9-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good) in October. VAZON BAY 29l 5th of 10 to Double The Stakes in selling handicap chase at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). DENNINGTON 29l 5th of 8 to Valiant Warrior in handicap chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) with YOUNG ALFIE (1lb worse off) tailed off when pulled up 5 out.
Selection: THE WHIP

4.10 STREBEL BOILERS NOVICES CHASE (£3,028: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

501 50 BRIGHT SEASON 56 (M Wells) J Poulton 7-11-1 ... J F Titley –
502 0063-5P BRIMPTON BERTIE 75 (Brimpton Holdings Ltd) D Chappell 6-11-1 ... G Upton –
503 1-012F5 ELEGANT FRIEND 12 (G,S) (Mrs B Lockey) M Tompkins 7-11-1 ... D Gallagher 92
504 040-R00 GOLD GLEN 122 (B) (E Benfield) P Makin 7-11-1 ... B Clifford –
505 /00P5 GOOD SPARK 13 (F,G,S) (E Kiahenbuhl) S Woodman 9-11-1 ... A P McCoy –
506 0-00456 MY SENOR 26 (S) (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 6-11-1 ... R Davis 80
507 01P4/P *NANDA MOON 48 (F) (In The Pink Partnership) A Barrow 8-11-1* ... B Powell –
508 020680 PETTAUGH 17 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-1 ... D Bridgwater –
509 22P002 PIONEER PETE 19 (Mrs M Haimes) R Frost 8-11-1 ... J Frost [illegible]
510 00/P/0P POWDER MILL RUN 21 (Losers Cant Be Choosers) P Butler 8-11-1 P McLoughlin (3) –
511 /000/ VICEROY OF INDIA 765P (F) (T Smith) M Madgwick 8-11-1 ... A Maguire –

BETTING: 3-1 Pioneer Pete, 4-1 Elegant Friend, 6-1 Pettaugh, 8-1 Gold Glen, My Senor, 10-1 Good Spark, Brimpton Bertie, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ELEGANT FRIEND 23l 5th of 7 to Count Barachois in novice chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to soft). MY SENOR 21½l 4th of 6 to War Counsel in novice chase at Plumpton (2m, soft) in December. PETTAUGH 18l 3rd of 12 to Wee Windy in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. PIONEER PETE short-head 2nd of 5 to Agia in maiden chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, heavy). VICEROY OF INDIA beat Raise Memories 4l in 16-runner maiden point-to-point at Tweseldown (3m, good to firm).
Selection: PIONEER PETE (nap)

4.40 COMEDY OF ERRORS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,657: 2m 6f) (15 runners)

601 650-011 PRINCE TEETON 13 (CD,S) (Mrs S Richards) R Buckler 6-11-8 ... B Powell [illegible]
602 20P *AUTUMN SUNSHINE 39 (D Knox) C Weedon 5-11-2* ... Peter Hobbs –
603 5P- BRIGHTON BREEZY 403 (G West) J Poulton 5-11-2 ... G Crone (7) –
604 5-00000 DEVIL'S CORNER 28 (H M Webb) H Webb 7-11-2 ... S McNeill 94
605 04 MR PLAYFULL 20 (P Tylor) R Frost 5-11-2 ... J Frost –
606 2051FF SHIMBA HILLS 13 (S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 7-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 91
607 20 STAR OF DAVID 124 (Mrs S Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 7-11-2 N Williamson –
608 60 STORM FORCE TEN 108 (Club Ten) N Gaselee 6-11-2 ... C Llewellyn –
609 20/64-0 *TANGO'S DELIGHT 26 (Mrs M Harman) D Elsworth 7-11-2* ... P Holley 80
610 0 THE HERBIVORE 37 (M Roberts) M Roberts 6-11-2 ... Mr T McCarthy (7) –
611 23-2606 THE WEATHERMAN 133 (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 7-11-2 ... M A Fitzgerald 79
612 05PP *WARRIOR BARD 7 (Be Swift Partnership) Miss H Knight 5-11-2* ... J Osborne 87
613 WILD SHOT (Mrs M Baker) Mrs M Baker 5-11-2 ... P Hide –
614 FINAL EXPRESS 338P (J G Meaden) R Buckler 7-10-11 ... G Supple (7) –
615 0-P0084 ROSIE-B 11 (R Stronge) R Stronge 5-10-11 ... A P McCoy 87

BETTING: 2-1 Prince Teeton, 9-2 Tango's Delight, 10-1 Autumn Sunshine, Shimba Hills, 12-1 Mr Playfull, Devil's Corner, Storm Force Ten, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE TEETON beat Straight Laced 1¼l in 10-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). AUTUMN SUNSHINE 3l 2nd of 13 to Wisley Wonder in National Hunt Flat race at Kempton (2m, heavy) in January. MR PLAYFULL 35l 4th of 9 to Lone Risk in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). SHIMBA HILLS beat Dunkery Beacon 10l in 10-runner novice handicap chase at Taunton (2m 110yd, soft) last month. STAR OF DAVID 11l 2nd of 15 to Sigma Run in National Hunt Flat race at Market Rasen (1m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. TANGO'S DELIGHT 14l 4th of 16 to Blames Boy in novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. ROSIE-B 20l 4th of 16 to Sacly Money in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft).
Selection: PRINCE TEETON

5.10 TUSCAN NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,500: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

1 43134 TORDO 189 (B,F) (M Myers) C Mann 4-11-1 ... R Dunwoody 80
2 CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 16F (B Pearce) B Pearce 5-11-0 ... D O'Sullivan –
3 000P-0 DANCEALOT 13 (Mrs M Doobee) T Casey 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater –
4 600/P FAMBRIDGE 12 (H Gibbon) M Tompkins 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher –
5 00-40P DEPTFORD BELLE 38 (Heart Of The South Racing) R Curtis 5-10-9 ... D Morris –
6 30-00 ELUSIVE STAR 109 (W Gonzel) J White 5-10-9 ... P McLoughlin (3) –
7 PP- JULY BRIDE 326F (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 5-10-9 ... Peter Hobbs –
8 4066-06 WORLDLY PROSPECT 10 (Miss N Berry) Miss N Berry 7-10-9 ... G Crone (7) 98
9 04PP DRY SEA 2 (The Blue Ball Lads) R Frost 4-10-8 ... J Frost 82
10 23460 QUASIMODO 12 (Chepstow Plant Hire Ltd) Mrs C Johnsey 4-10-8 ... L Harvey [illegible]
11 00 GRUSASHOT 45 (Mrs D Strauss) J Moore 4-10-3 ... W McFarland –
12 P STORM HEIGHTS 26 (Mrs R Plummer) Mrs A Hamilton-Fairley 4-10-3 M Perrett –

BETTING: 4-1 Tordo, 8-1 Dry Sea, Dancealot, Elusive Star, 8-1 Christian Spirit, Fambridge, Quasimodo, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

TORDO 5½l 4th of 9 to Moment Of Glory in novice hurdle over course and distance (good). DANCEALOT 64l 8th of 9 to Ilewin in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). ELUSIVE STAR 63l 10th of 12 to Emma A Buzz in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). WORLDLY PROSPECT 11l 7th of 14 to Eurolink The Lad in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). DRY SEA 19l 4th of 12 to Golden Arrow in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to soft) in November. QUASIMODO 16l 7th of 18 to Magic Junction in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good).
Selection: TORDO

KELSO: Trainers: Mrs J Storey, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; T Dalgetty, 4 from 9, 44.4%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 10 from 40, 25.0%; *Mrs S Smith, 3 from 12, 25.0%*; G Richards, 33 from 146, 22.6%; N Tinkler, 6 from 28, 21.4%. Jockeys: Mr C Storey, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; P Niven, 52 from 136, 38.2%; N Doughty, 25 from 91, 27.5%; A Thornton, 7 from 28, 25.0%; M Moloney, 15 from 64, 23.4%; T Jenks, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

SOUTHWELL: Trainers: D Murray-Smith, 3 winners from 14 runners, 21.4%; M Johnston, 29 from 150, 19.3%; W O'Gorman, 37 from 207, 17.9%; W Haigh, 18 from 105, 17.1%; M J Camacho, 10 from 62, 16.1%; K Burke, 8 from 51, 15.7%; C Brittain, 6 from 44, 13.6%; M Channon, 7 from 52, 13.5%. Jockeys: D Holland, 20 from 83, 24.1%; P Robinson, 6 from 26, 23.1%; L Dettori, 36 from 175, 20.6%; J Weaver, 31 from 171, 18.1%; Alex Greaves, 36 from 235, 15.3%; Emma O'Gorman, 28 from 203, 13.8%.

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	104	83	50	4	-45.90
Mrs M Reveley	86	60	38	1	+0.14
D Nicholson	85	58	32	9	+12.71
P Hobbs	57	49	30	1	-22.75
N Twiston-Davies	61	57	49	15	-87.81

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	126	103	73	0	-122.97
R Dunwoody	126	95	75	14	-112.53
N Williamson	104	79	76	0	+21.69
J Osborne	88	68	59	4	-85.65
P Niven	83	60	43	0	-5.80

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2.00 LORD DORCET (nap). 2.30 Mils Mij. 3.00 Dockmaster. 3.30 Wudimp. 4.00 Topothenorthracing. 4.30 Davy Blake. 5.00 Thornton Gate.
Brian Beel: 3.30 Wudimp. 4.30 Davy Blake.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 QUEENS HEAD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,864: 2m 110yd) (19 runners)

1 3221 *CORSTON RACER 24 (D,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-8* R Murphy (7) 87
2 2410 MASTER BAVARD 10 (G) P Monteith 7-11-8 ... T Jenks 82
3 P BUNGY BOURKE 19 H Alexander 7-11-2 ... Mr N Hargreave –
4 COLONEL IN CHIEF G Richards 5-11-2 ... A Dobbin –
5 00 DO LALLY TAT 44 J Charlton 5-11-2 ... N Doughty –
6 0400 GREET THE GREEK 86 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-2 ... S Turner –
7 2265 LORD DORCET 10 J Charlton 5-11-2 ... P Niven [illegible]
8 MALTA MAN P Cheesbrough 5-11-2 ... K Johnson –
9 P MISTER TRICK 65 L Lungo 5-11-2 ... F Perratt (3) –
10 *NOVA CHAMP Mrs S Smith 7-11-2* ... Richard Guest –
11 354P POINT DUTY 65 M Barnes 5-11-2 ... M Dwyer 80
12 /0-0 RUSTIC BRIDGE 13 P Calver 6-11-2 ... J Callaghan –
13 0 SHIP THE BUILDER 44 B Fahey 6-11-2 ... L Wyer –
14 STRONGALONG P Cheesbrough 5-11-2 ... R Supple –
15 0 COMPUTER PICKINGS 10 Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-11 J K McCarthy (7) –
16 0 MORE CHAMPAGNE 65 Mrs D Thomson 5-10-11 C Bonner (5) –
17 00 RASIN LUCK 93 R Craggs 5-10-11 ... G Lee (5) 77
18 NICK ROSS R Brewis 4-10-10 ... G Harker –
19 *PEGGY GORDON Mrs D Thomson 4-10-5* ... L O'Hara –

3-1 Lord Dorcet, 4-1 Corston Racer, 8-1 Colonel In Chief, 10-1 others.

2.30 CROALL BRYSON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,879: 2m 1f) (16)

1 1F44 GOLDEN ISLE 28 (F,G,S) J Charlton 11-12-0 ... K Johnson 86
2 3U16 HEDLEY MILL 16 (F,G) J Hope 7-11-9 ... B Harding (5) 82
3 0F1B EASBY JOKER 17 (S) S Kettlewell 7-11-7 ... Mr C Bonner (5) [illegible]
4 60-0 FLOWING RIVER 72 (F,G) W Barker 9-11-6 ... G Harker 86
5 3P42 MILS MIJ 44 (F,G,S) T Cuthbert 10-11-4 ... P Niven 92
6 -340 EXCISE MAN 79 (G) F Walton 7-11-4 ... Mr A Robson 93
7 P0-2 ST ELMO'S FIRE 10 J Barclay 10-11-2 ... A Thornton 86
8 0263 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 18 (B,G) R Allan 7-11-1 ... J Callaghan 80
9 406U ASTRAC TRIO 28 (G) P Monteith 5-10-11 ... A Dobbin 92
10 5554 *BACK BEFORE DAWN 10 (G,S) P Monteith 8-10-11* T Jenks 85
11 6PF5 CASTLE RANGER 10 (F,G) M Barnes 8-10-11 ... P Waggott 80
12 DF64 RAWAAN 19 (F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-10-11 ... M Dwyer –
13 1330 CARDENDEN 62 (G) J Barclay 7-10-9 ... G Bradley 90
14 -263 SOUND PROFIT 194 W Young 7-10-8 ... R Murphy (7) 94
15 561P NORTH PRIDE 51 (F,S) M Barnes 10-10-7 ... Richard Guest 84
16 P0PP EVE PET 10 J Aynsley 11-10-0 ... F Leahy (5) 78

4-1 Mils Mij, 6-1 St Elmo's Fire, Easby Joker, 7-1 Briar's Delight, 8-1 others.

3.00 CHEVIOT RENTALS MODULAR MARQUEES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,752: 2m 6f 110yd) (17)

1 0631 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 142 (F,G,S) Mrs K Walton 9-11-11 J Callaghan 89
2 23PP HUDSON BAY TRADER 34 (G) Mrs S Aucan 8-11-10 R Brown –
3 5P54 *MARCHWOOD 14 (G,S) N Chamberlain 8-11-9* ... R Supple 94
4 4023 COQUI LANE 14 (CD,S) Mr J Dun 8-11-9 ... B Harding (5) 90
5 -124 VILLAGE REINDEER 39 (F,S) P Calver 8-11-8 ... L Wyer –
6 3-U0 CARNETTO 16 (C,G,S) R Brewis 8-11-4 ... F Leahy (5) 92
7 2-00 WILLIE SPARKLE 10 (V) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-3 R Murphy (7) 96
8 312P TEMPLE GARTH 24 (G,S) P Beaumont 6-11-0 ... C Hawkins 95
9 6016 MEMORABLE 14 (G,S) J Hetherton 4-11-0 ... D Byrne 95
10 213U *CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 135 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-13* T Jenks –
11 0055 WEE WIZARD 10 (C,F,G,S) M Barnes 6-10-9 ... A Dobbin 93
12 212F NORTHERN SQUIRE 66 (G,S) J Jefferson 7-10-9 ... M Dwyer 89
13 1P0- DEBACLE 16F (D,F,G) B McMath 6-10-8 ... G Bradley 87
14 1033 DOCKMASTER 17 (S) Miss M Milligan 4-10-3 Richard Guest [illegible]
15 P546 SCARF 9 (D,S) J J O'Neill 7-10-1 ... A Roche (3) 98
16 3120 *EXEMPLAR 17 (CD,F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0* Mr L Donnelly (7) 80
17 -P03 BAJAN AFFAIR 28 (G) Miss L Siddall 5-10-0 ... A Thornton 91

5-1 Northumbrian King, 6-1 Dockmaster, 7-1 Coqui Lane, 10-1 others.

3.30 HORSE AND HOUND BUCCLEUCH CUP MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,512: 3m 1f) (15)

1 42/ BOB'S REQUEST 702 J Charlton 7-12-0 ... D Parker (5) –
2 PP3P BORDER SUPREME 9P J Hughes 6-12-0 ... N Hargreave (7) –
3 F2-P *CAMSTER CASTLE 24 Miss Z Green 7-12-0* ... P Johnson (5) –
4 -330 DONOVANS REEF 14 (S) Mrs L Marshall 9-12-0 N Wilson (5) –
5 4205 HALLO SENSATION 14 (G) Mrs P Cookson 8-12-0 ... P Craggs 94
6 PP/ LITHGIE-BRIG 1080 A Crow 12-12-0 ... J Walton –
7 65U- MILL KNOCK 324P (S) J Thompson 13-12-0 ... T Scott (7) –
8 -1FP MONT MIRAIL 9P (G) C Bird 9-12-0 ... R Shiels (5) –
9 -P42 NO JOKER 9P (G) Mrs R Arthur 7-12-0 ... R Hale (5) –
10 -P1R RUBER 9P (F,G,S) R Thomson 6-12-0 ... Miss P Robson (7) –
11 SLIPERY CHAP J Johnson 6-12-0 ... C Bonner (5) –
12 0/0- THE MAJOR GENERAL 489 G Richards 8-12-0 ... A Ogden (7) –
13 -111 WUDIMP 9P (F,G) Mrs J Storey 6-12-0 ... C Storey (7) –
14 21-3 CORNKITTY 9P (G) A Thomson 8-11-9 ... D Mactaggart (5) –
15 53-3 SANDEDGE 9P (F) Mrs C Bertram 8-11-9 ... A Robson (7) [illegible]

7-4 Wudimp, 3-1 Bob's Request, 4-1 Ruber, 6-1 Hallo Sensation, 14-1 Cornkitty, Donovans Reef, Sandedge, 16-1 Mont Mirail, The Major General, 20-1 others.

4.00 TIM DOODY MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,822: 2m 110yd) (18)

1 -6P0 SCILLY CAY 35 G Richards 6-11-10 ... A Dobbin –
2 P624 CHOWPOR 34 M Hammond 4-11-10 ... D Bentley [illegible]
3 05 *CHARLIES DREAM 37 A Linton 4-11-8* ... A Linton (7) –
4 -000 PARSON'S LODGE 20 L Lungo 7-11-8 ... F Perratt (3) 83
5 0060 SOLAR NOVA 20 (G) I Park 7-11-6 ... N Smith 93
6 4014 TOPOTHENORTHRACING 20 (D,S) P Beaumont 5-11-6 R Supple 90
7 0P26 CRAIGIE RAMBLER 24 D Robertson 6-11-4 ... T Jenks 84
8 0005 COPPERHURST 13 W Kemp 4-11-4 ... S McDougall –
9 06P3 *RUMPUS 98 P Burgoyne 5-11-3* ... F Leahy (5) 89
10 0554 EMERALD CHARM 18 J Charlton 7-11-1 ... A K Smith (7) 97
11 63SP MEADOWLECK 24 W Young 6-11-1 ... R Murphy (7) –
12 35P2 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 20 P Monteith 6-11-0 ... B Harding (5) 94
13 1PP MORAITE 73 (F) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-13 ... Mrs M Kendall 83
14 -8FP JOYFUL IMP 135 J Dixon 8-10-13 ... Mr A Manners (7) –
15 0PP0 MEADOWBURN 13 W Reed 5-10-12 ... Mr C Bonner (5) –
16 -450 DIXIE HIGHWAY 16 R Johnson 5-10-8 ... K Johnson 93
17 5030 RED MARCH HARE 73 D Moffatt 4-10-5 ... D J Moffatt (3) 90
18 P-P6 PREAMBLE 13 S Coathup 6-10-0 ... D Webb (7) 80

3-1 Topothenorthracing, 5-1 Brilliant Disguise, 7-1 Rumpus, 8-1 Solar Nova, 10-1 Craigie Rambler, Chowpor, 12-1 Parson's Lodge, 14-1 others.

4.30 CHARLIE BROWN & FAMILY SCOTTISH CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,469: 3m 1f) (8)

1 -P23 BAD TRADE 20 (G,S) D Alder 13-12-7 ... Mrs V Jackson (7) 81
2 P00- CAMIONNAGE 341 (F,G,S) A Crow 14-12-7 D Mactaggart (5) –
3 5/0P *KILLULA KING 14 (C,G) F Robson 8-12-4 Miss J Thurlow (5)* –
4 4F52 LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 14 J Riddell 10-12-4 ... A Robson (7) 90
5 -888 MOYODE REGENT 14 (F) D Lamb 11-12-4 ... A Manners (7) 75
6 2-34 DAVY BLAKE 18 (CD,F,G,S) T Dalgetty 8-12-0 ... R Shiels (5) 98
7 14-2 POPESHALL 14 (F,G,S) Mrs S Williamson 8-12-0 R Brown (5) 86
8 -210 ROYAL JESTER 18 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Storey 11-12-0 C Storey (7) [illegible]

4-5 Davy Blake, 2-1 Royal Jester, 9-2 Loughlinstown Boy, 16-1 others.

5.00 TENNENT QUAICH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,738: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 310- AMERICAN HERO 363F (D,F,G) R Allan 7-11-13 N Doughty 83
2 45P1 MAJAL 41F (D,F,G) J Wainwright 6-11-12 ... P Midgley (3) 92
3 1003 WEAVER GEORGE 16 (D,F,G) J Hellens 5-11-9 A Larnach (3) 93
4 0140 THORNTON GATE 16 (D,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-6 ... L Wyer 89
5 13-6 MONTY ROYALE 16 (D,G) J Jefferson 6-11-6 ... M Dwyer 88
6 6343 ZAJIRA 16 (BF,G) Mrs J Fomsden 5-11-1 ... D Thomas (7) [illegible]
7 1/3- CASUAL PASS 588 (B,CD,F,G) L Lungo 12-10-13 F Perratt (3) 92
8 00F/ REGENT LAD 801 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 11-10-10 A Thornton –
9 2400 TIGHTER BUDGET 77 (D,F,S) Mrs E Slack 8-10-10 M Moloney 98
10 4242 FAIR AND FANCY 16 (D,G) Miss M Milligan 4-10-8 Richard Guest 92
11 0404 CANAAN VALLEY 37 D Robertson 7-10-0 ... T Jenks 93
12 243/ MARZOCCO 588F (D,S) T Cuthbert 7-10-0 ... Carol Cuthbert –

3-1 Weaver George, 7-2 Majal, 6-1 Zajira, 7-1 Thornton Gate, American Hero, 8-1 Monty Royale, 10-1 Casual Pass, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Fontwell Park: 2.10 Sir Edward Henry. 2.40 Castle Blue. Kelso: 2.30 Briar's Delight. 3.00 Willie Sparkle. Southwell: 2.20 Norfolk Glory. 4.20 Red O'Reilly, The Real Whizzbang. 4.50 Arrogant Boy.

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2.20 Himalayan Blue. 2.50 Mad Militant. 3.20 Tempering. 3.50 Aquado. 4.20 Hi Rock. 4.50 Dragonflight.

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GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW BEST SIS

2.20 KING ARTHUR MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,519: 7f) (10 runners)

1 ALL HONOUR D Chapman 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 10
2 0 *ASKING 28 J Berry 9-0* ... D Holland 3
3 24-4 HIMALAYAN BLUE 9 M Channon 9-0 ... R Hughes 1
4 0-0 NORFOLK GLORY 9 (B,BF) D Murray Smith 9-0 ... J Weaver 2
5 204- BELLESONNETTE 132 D Haydn Jones 8-9 ... A Mackay 8
6 2340 BRETTON PRINCESS 4 R Hollinshead 8-9 ... W Ryan 4
7 05- CLOETTE 192 W O'Gorman 8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 5
8 00-3 LUCKY PEG 35 F O'Mahony 8-9 ... J Quinn 7
9 40- NYALI BEACH 171 B Meehan 8-9 ... B Doyle 9
10 0 TRAUMA 11 W Jarvis 8-9 ... L Dettori 6

3-1 Himalayan Blue, 4-1 Bellesonnette, 5-1 Nyali Beach, 6-1 Cloette, 7-1 others.

2.50 HOLY GRAIL APPRENTICES SELLING STAKES (£2,243: 1m 4f) (6)

1 2132 MAD MILITANT 26 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 6-9-5 A Eddery (6) 3
2 6-15 RED INDIAN 35 (CD,F,G) W Haigh 9-9-5 ... Martin Dwyer 4
3 00-6 CRIMINAL RECORD 31 (B,CD,G) W Clay 5-8-13 P Fessey (3) 2
4 14/0 EULOGY 31 (S) K Burke 8-8-13 ... S Lanigan 5
5 03-4 DESERT PRESIDENT 40J R Hoad 4-8-11 ... G Mitchell 6
6 00-0 SEA SPOUSE 31 M Blanshard 4-8-11 ... S McCarthy (6) 1

4-6 Mad Militant, 7-2 Red Indian, 7-1 Criminal Record, 8-1 others.

3.20 PERCEVAL HANDICAP (£3,102: 1m 3f) (6)

1 1524 *PALACEGATE JO 35 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-10-0* T Ives 4
2 1362 TEMPERING 14 (CD,F,G) D Chapman 9-9-10 ... J Quinn 2
3 4311 SUVEZ 23J (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-9 ... J Weaver 5
4 2131 MR BEAN 14 (CD,G) K Burke 5-9-7 ... M Fenton 6
5 2363 MY MINNIE 16 (G) B Meehan 5-9-2 ... B Doyle 1
6 5634 TREMOLANTE 16 J Wilson 4-7-12 ... M Henry (7) 3

2-1 Suvez, 3-1 Mr Bean, 7-2 Palacegate Jo, 5-1 Tempering, 8-1 others.

3.50 LANCELOT LIMITED STAKES (£3,073: 7f) (12)

1 3101 AQUADO 14 (CD,F,G) A Forbes 6-10-0 ... J Quinn 7
2 3340 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 26 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-11 Dean McKeown 9
3 6201 ORTHORHOMBUS 7 (B,D,F,G) D Cosgrove 6-9-11 M Rimmer 12
4 000/ LORD VIVIENNE 16J (C,D,F,G) J Charlton 6-9-8 D Moffatt (3) 10
5 1-5 TIDDY OGGIE 38 (D,S) N Graham 4-9-8 ... J Weaver 4
6 0055 *GIGGLESWICK GIRL 4 (G) M Channon 4-9-3* ... R Hughes 6
7 040- KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 175 (B,D,F) J Parkes 5-9-3 P McCabe (5) 2
8 0654 PRETONIC 3 (C,D,F,G) B Palling 7-9-3 ... T Sprake 5
9 -206 BEECHAM 9 (B) A Hide 3-8-7 ... J Carroll 1
10 6-03 EXCLUSIVE ASSEMBLY 5 A James 3-8-7 ... F Norton 11
11 100- SAPPHIRE SON 147 (D,G) C Williams 3-8-7 ... P Robinson 3
12 2204 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 9 (F) M Johnston 3-8-2 ... D Holland 8

7-2 Aquado, 4-1 Three Arch Bridge, Orthorhombus, 5-1 Beecham, 6-1 others.

4.20 GALAHAD MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (£2,519: 6f) (7)

1 365- CRETAN GIFT 223 N Littmoden 4-9-9 ... T G McLaughlin (5) 7
2 -246 *SOUTH FOREST 2 S Bowring 4-9-3* ... C Teague (7) 4
3 3403 RUSTIC LEAGUE 7 T Naughton 4-8-13 ... S Sanders (3) 1
4 -050 THE REAL WHIZZBANG 56 (B) P Felgate 4-8-13 P McCabe (5) 9
5 0 *RED O'REILLY 9 (V) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-12* ... J Weaver 8
6 003- WILD ADVENTURE 103J D Chapman 6-8-11 Dean McKeown 3
7 500- CHILLY TIME 184 (B) P Murphy 4-8-8 ... R Waterfield (7) 6
8 0305 *LAWNSWOOD LADY 14 R Hollinshead 3-8-1* ... A Garth (5) 2
9 032- HI ROCK 217 M Camacho 3-7-13 ... L Charnock 5

2-1 South Forest, 3-1 Cretan Gift, 4-1 Hi Rock, 6-1 Lawnswood Lady, 7-1 others.

4.50 EXCALIBUR HANDICAP (£2,519: 1m) (16)

1 156- HICKLETON LADY 188 (D,F,S) J Wilson 4-10-0 M Henry (7) 1
2 6-56 TOVARICH 42 D Nicholls 4-9-11 ... S Whitworth 6
3 2205 GREEK GOLD 45 (C,G) G Kelly 6-9-9 ... Alex Greaves 7
4 50/2 DAYTONA BEACH 14 (C,G) P Burgoyne 5-9-8 G Parkin (7) 16
5 0-36 ZANZARA 35 (F) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-5 ... T Williams 8
6 05-6 *HALBERT 34 M Channon 6-9-0* ... R Hughes 9
7 0426 CICERONE 35 (CD,G,S) J L Harris 5-9-0 ... R Cochrane 12
8 000- DANTE'S RUBICON 213 J Bethell 4-8-13 ... J Weaver 4
9 4452 *TITANIUM HONDA 14 C Brittain 4-8-11* ... B Doyle 5
10 0-36 TOP FELLA 9 (B) W O'Gorman 3-8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
11 4820 GENESIS FOUR 14 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 5-8-8 C Teague (7) 13
12 6002 *DRAGONFLIGHT 16 D Haydn Jones 4-8-5* ... A Mackay 10
13 0005 ASMARINA 14 S Bowring 5-8-1 ... P Fessey (7) 2
14 0526 ARROGANT BOY 18 (B) D Chapman 6-8-0 ... N Carlisle 15
15 00-1 WHITELOCK QUEST 14 (CD,G) N Berry 7-7-12 A Gibbons (7) 11
16 40/4 SALINGER 17 J Parkes 7-7-12 ... J Fanning 14

5-1 Daytona Beach, 6-1 Titanium Honda, 7-1 Dragonflight, 8-1 Whitelock Quest, 10-1 Hickleton Lady, Salinger, 12-1 others.

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TOP 50 IN THE MEN'S RACE

1 D Ceron 2:08:30	26 A Jelonkine 2:19:42
2 S Moneghetti 2:08:33	27 S Cohen 2:20:17
3 A Pinto 2:08:48	28 A Mekonnen 2:20:18
4 X Yawa 2:10:22	29 S P Collen 2:20:50
5 P Evans 2:10:31	30 J Ikangaa 2:21:03
6 J Pinheiro 2:10:35	31 A Graham 2:21:05
7 W Mtolo 2:11:35	32 O Machlem 2:21:27
8 L Di Lello 2:11:36	33 J Harrison 2:21:30
9 J Mabitle 2:11:39	34 P Haynes 2:21:59
10 Z Nyambaso 2:11:56	35 N Rose 2:22:32
11 M Hudspith 2:11:58	36 I Ibrahim 2:22:35
12 P Whitehead 2:12:23	37 G McGrath 2:22:39
13 E Martin 2:12:44	38 D Walmsley 2:22:45
14 B Le Stum 2:13:40	39 P Ballantyne 2:22:48
15 F Roncero 2:14:36	40 D Cavers 2:23:32
16 C Moore 2:15:02	41 M Romer 2:23:54
17 D Julia Navarro 2:17:09	42 S Tobin 2:23:57
18 W Perszke 2:17:18	43 J Tjitunga 2:24:00
19 M Nadour 2:17:33	44 G Bishop 2:24:04
20 A Szalkai 2:17:42	45 P Plancke 2:24:05
21 A Gisemba 2:18:29	46 P Pleasants 2:24:07
22 H Sebtaoui 2:18:51	47 D Mansbridge 2:24:12
23 C Buckley 2:19:05	48 A Barden 2:24:21
24 L Soares 2:19:38	49 T Wilson 2:24:28
25 J September 2:19:40	50 A Guilder 2:24:41



Sobanska tucked behind Lemettinen (left) and Machado at the Tower of London. Photograph: Julian Herbert

TOP 50 IN THE WOMEN'S RACE

1 M Sobanska 2:27:43	26 D Percival 2:52:49
2 M Machado 2:27:53	27 J Anderson 2:53:00
3 R Lemettinen 2:28:00	28 M Hadler 2:53:40
4 R Kokowska 2:30:35	29 E Lehmann 2:54:00
5 L McColgan 2:31:14	30 L Jones 2:54:03
6 K Jones 2:31:35	31 G Kennedy 2:54:50
7 K Dorre 2:32:16	32 L Quigley 2:56:42
8 N Carroll 2:33:19	33 M Gradden 2:57:24
9 K McCann 2:33:23	34 M Andersson 2:57:27
10 A Haakenstad 2:33:56	35 A Andersson 2:57:28
11 S Aktas 2:36:33	36 J Gjelseth 2:58:00
12 I Nilsson 2:38:46	37 L Cooper 2:58:16
13 N Glauser 2:39:14	38 S Janisch 2:58:21
14 H Nash 2:39:59	39 B Appleby 2:58:50
15 P Jinhong 2:40:15	40 J Coulson 2:59:30
16 L Harding 2:41:20	41 T Swindell 2:59:46
17 J Coleby 2:41:37	42 S Endersby 3:00:30
18 A Perez 2:42:02	43 L Branch 3:01:18
19 E Davies 2:44:43	44 K Gallagher 3:01:29
20 C Scobey 2:46:24	45 A Oborne 3:01:48
21 M Bak 2:46:39	46 S Ware 3:02:08
22 E Flather 2:47:11	47 J Boulton 3:02:10
23 J Moorkite 2:48:06	48 B Parker 3:02:19
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George Shattenecker, of Austria, forges ahead on his way to claiming third place in the London Marathon wheelchair race yesterday

Frei shatters course record to justify favourite billing

By Alix Ramsay

A NEW course record, his first London win, and Heinz Frei thinks comprehensive victory yesterday in the NutraSweet *London Marathon* wheelchair race is no more than "a good test for Boston in two weeks' time".

Frei came into the race as the clear favourite. The world record-holder with a time of 1hr 21min and 23sec set in Boston last year, everyone knew he would be the man to chase. But the style of his win on the notoriously slow course surprised even his closest rivals. After only two miles he was starting to control the race and at the halfway stage he stormed into the lead to finish in 1hr 39min 14sec, nearly eight and a half minutes ahead of the defending champion, Dave Holding, from Kettering, bettering the course record by nearly five minutes.

Holding had realised early on that Frei was too quick to *deal with. As Frei and his* compatriot from Switzerland, Jean-Marc Berset, cruised ahead in the opening stages, Holding had to rethink his race plan. "I knew the pace they were setting was too hard," he said. "If I was going to keep anything back *for the finish* and be in with a chance of a place I had to settle into my own pace."

In the past, Holding's sprint finish has taken him to two London titles and this year he has been trying to improve his stamina for the 26-mile slog. But neither his speed nor his strength were enough to beat Frei.

"My tactic is always to do a fast race," Frei said. "I am not a good sprinter so I have to pull ahead early and burn off my colleagues." For the first ten miles he worked with Berset, each man taking turns to lead and give the other a rest and the chance to tuck into the leader's slipstream. "At Tower Bridge I felt good and thought now is my chance to test Jean-Marc," Frei said. "I didn't want to wait around for him in case anything happened — maybe I get a puncture before the finish."

In the end it was Berset who was scuppered by a puncture, breaking down two miles from the finish and allowing Holding and George Shattenecker to battle for second place. As they turned into the Mall, Holding edged passed the Austrian and beat him to the line by five seconds.

Despite his world record, Frei's history in London was not particularly promising. In his last attempt, in 1992, he could not live up to his billing as favourite. Having competed in the cross-country skiing at the Winter Para-Olympics just one week before, he did not give himself much time to prepare. "This year was better. The marathon was my priority," he said. "It's a hard course and only the best will win in London."

WHEELCHAIR RESULTS

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Parents and children protesting against budget cuts last week: there must be a promise of small but steady real growth in spending over a five-year period

Seven steps into the future

With politicians and professionals too absorbed in present battles, **Michael Barber** suggests a long-term action plan

The paucity of national debate about the future of education is startling. The teaching unions' Easter conference season begins this week, promising a fortnight of blood-and-thunder rhetoric about the funding crisis and redundancies facing schools.

Teachers will storm the rostrums at a succession of faded seaside resorts, only to echo the bluster of MPs last Wednesday when the House of Commons, with all its customary theatre, debated education spending. After six years of exhausting combat over the detail of the national curriculum and tests, few professionals or politicians have the energy to lift their heads and begin to think strategically about its future.

Yet away from the spotlight, a number of themes are emerging from figures such as Sir Geoffrey Holland, former permanent secretary at the Department for Education, and Sir John Cassells, director of the National Commission on Education. This is my attempt to formulate a plan of action.

☐ Step one: reconstruct the teaching profession

AT PRESENT the governance of education and the profession is divided among four quangos (Teacher Training Agency, School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Office for Standards in Education and the School Teachers' Review Body) and one government department. Members of the quangos cannot guarantee they will survive an election. In consequence, thinking about the teaching profession is splintered and blinkered.

The profession, however, is divided itself. There are six unions in constant competition for members. Here too, therefore, thinking about the profession is fragmented and fixed on the here and now. This is why a General Teaching Council, a body that sets high professional standards and thinks coherently about the future, is so important. Serious thought needs to be given to questions such as: how do we ensure teachers make effective use of the revolution in communications and information technology? How can teachers spend more time on their own professional development and less on the bureaucratic tasks that weigh them down?

The ultimate goal must surely be a profession which is constantly learning, better paid, better respected, but fewer in number.

☐ Step two: put failure on the agenda

THERE is a taboo about discussing failing teachers and failing schools. Yet by not doing so, educators contribute to the public view that such failure is inevitable. Low public expectations then in turn contribute to creating failure.

In fact, failure is not inevitable. Ofsted's figures suggest that the number of poor lessons is falling. The profession itself should consider setting targets to ensure that the fall continues. It should also ensure that the small number of teachers who are unlikely to improve, even with support, leave teaching.

☐ Step three: promote the revolution in pedagogy

RECENT work at Keele University and elsewhere suggests that the use of information technology improves pupil motivation. This is one of a number of developments which suggest the need for a radical rethink about teaching methodology, the grouping of children in schools, and assessment techniques.

Only teachers, in collaboration perhaps with universities, can drive this revolution. The job of policy-makers is to create conditions in which teachers have the morale, time and energy to lead it.

☐ Step four: think through accountability

THE need for public services to be publicly accountable is political common ground. The Labour Party has rightly committed itself not only to continuing the publication of information tables about school performance, but also to extending and improving it. Both parties are committed to regular inspection of schools.

The question is how? At the moment, there are insufficient links between the various pillars of accountability. For example, if examination results suggest that one school is broadly successful and that another is a cause for concern, does it make sense to inspect them in exactly the same way as happens at the moment? Surely we should concentrate on the weak schools.

Also, it should be borne in mind that the major contribution of inspection to improvement is that it encourages schools to review their own work before the inspectors arrive. This suggests that school self-view should be given greater emphasis.

☐ Step five: recognise that school is important, but not enough

IN THE next century, we will think of learning taking place not just in schools but in the home and a host of other places.

School will remain important. It will teach the basics of the 21st century and provide young people with the opportunity to learn the moral codes and the means of participating in a pluralist, democratic society. But young people will also be able to learn at home in ways that we never dreamt of in the past. If the whole *Encyclopaedia Britannica* can be held on a few CDs, every child can have access to it. The complaint that some children cannot do homework because they have no books at home can become a thing of the past. If families themselves are unstable we can set up well-equipped homework centres.

☐ Step six: invest steadily, and redistribute progressively

SCHOOL improvement requires consistent effort over time. Funding should reflect this fact. There must be a promise of small but steady real growth in spending over a five-year period (at least). Schools and local education authorities should be given the chance to plan properly with three-year funding horizons. Improvement becomes difficult, if not impossible, when a school does not know its budget from one year to the next. Since the potential for increased funding from government is limited, ways of harnessing private finance need to be explored.

In terms of redistribution, inner city schools need a larger share, not to invest in failure but in recognition of the greater problems pupils bring to school with them. In addition, a larger proportion of growth should go into nursery and primary education, but only in exchange for clear published data about their performance.

☐ Step seven: extend out-of-school activities

THE full range of activities from dance to debating, soccer to sailing should be opened to young people of all classes and properly accredited. The Social Justice Commission's idea of community service is important too. The passivity that is the hallmark of so many young people's upbringing in the 1990s is unhealthy for them and society. In the next decade we can change that.

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Self-sufficiency is the answer

Returning to a direct-grant system would only lead to a bureaucratic nightmare

It may be true, as Dr Johnson claimed, that the certainty of being hanged in a fortnight can concentrate a man's mind to a wonderful degree. Lesser causes, however, seem to produce lesser effects.

Dr Martin Stephen, High Master of Manchester Grammar School, has reacted to Labour proposals to axe the assisted-places scheme, which supports 290 of his 1,400 pupils, by declaring a willingness to see his school enter the state system. "Bring back direct grant" is the cry.

Yet it is difficult not to be taken aback by the sheer unrealism of the Manchester démarche. The former direct-grant schools occupied elite positions at the top of a system of secondary education which operated on selective principles: this system was dismantled with equal enthusiasm by Conservatives and Labour alike, and replaced by a near-universal pattern of comprehensive schools founded on egalitarianism. Today's educational establishment is, if anything, even more emphatically opposed to selection than is today's Labour Party, and neither of them could, for a moment, welcome selective schools into the state fold. Yet selection is the root of the academic success of the former direct-grant grammar schools.

> The principle of continuing independence is a precious guarantee of educational quality

George Walden, MP for Buckingham, must take some of the responsibility for starting this hare, early in the new year, by proposing both to his own Conservative leadership, and to the Labour Party, what he called a Public Schools (Voluntary Purchase) Bill. Conveniently ignoring his own party's desire to privatise as much as possible of the public sector, while the Opposition could only contemplate purchasing private institutions in order to reduce them to conformity with state norms, Mr Walden seeks to address a situation in which he believes that "the richest and most influential people have no personal incentive to work for higher aspirations in state schools". He seems to know little about the ordinariness of the parents who throng independent school open days.

This breadth of openness owes much to the Government's assisted-places scheme, but is the product, still more, of the schools' own determination to raise and use endowments for their own scholarships and bursaries — the charitable purpose for which they were, in almost every case, founded in years gone by.

The charitable status of most independent schools is something which Mr Walden and his followers seem curiously anxious to overlook. They are not run for profit, but operate as charities, dispensing annually more than they receive in benefit from the taxation system. They have never been part of the state sector, so there can be no question of "re-joining" it.

Fuzziest of all is the enthusiasm of Mr Walden, Dr Stephen and others for the direct-grant system of days gone by. This was never a solution to Britain's educational ills. And it cannot possibly be revived without the benefit of the social and ideological factors — the class structure and systems of academic selection — that respectively buttressed and underpinned it. No doubt it will be mourned for a while longer, although it is notoriously part of the legacy of the welfare state that thinking people have been given bad consciences about paying for services.

With the question of payment, of course, we approach the heart of the matter. MGS is afraid of losing its income from assisted places: Mr Walden, on the basis of undisclosed calculations, ascribes a *per capita* cost to a place in an independent school "often double that in the state sector": the Labour Party considers its tax bill. But there is neither much honesty nor much realism about discussion of educational costs in Britain today. The Donnison Commission established many years ago that the true cost of a place in the state educational system was little different from the true cost of a place in the independent sector, but figures on the state side have become much harder to get since then, and centralised state control has meant less, rather than more, transparency of accounting.

Where real figures are published, as in the case of boarding costs, it is apparent that the state education provision is vastly more expensive than virtually anything on the independent side.

Education today cannot possibly be cheap: but need it be so costly? The problem is above all one of state control — a pattern evident in so many parts of national life since the Second World War, and only partially reversed by the Thatcher years: centralisation leads to rising costs, diminishing efficiency and dwindling satisfaction. Manchester and other northern grammar schools may be nostalgic for yesterday's civic virtues, but the reality of the state system is Whitehall-dominated bureaucracy, as costly as it is incompetent, and dogmatic to boot. Clear thinking is required. The principle of continuing independence is a precious guarantee of educational quality, and those responsible must find a better way of resourcing it than sponging off the state. The bolder way of self-sufficiency is best.

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10,192.30	Barclays	623	-4	4.2	9.1
1,433.00	Bk of Ireland	314	+1	4.6	9.1
10,384.60	Citicorp	2662½	+5½		
243.70	Close Brost	256	+6	3.9	11.8
4,724.90	Commerzbk	£144½	+15½	3.7	
35,527.80	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1140½	+43½	0.5	
13,896.20	Deutsche Bk	£292½	-42½	2.5	
137.50	Espirito Santo	643½	-15½	12.4	
123.20	First Nat Fin	73	-2	2.6	46.6
38,807.10	Fuji Bank Y	1339½	+144	0.5	
375.20	Hambros	213	-1	8.8	13.1
5,947.00	HSBC	698	-11	4.8	8.8
12,067.50	HSBC HK	668	14½	4.9	8.6
20.30	Joseph (L)	383		5.8	11.1
863.70	Kleinwort Bent	647	-6	4.2	12.6
7,095.70	Lloyds	616	+13½	5.2	10.4
6,893.90	Nat Aust Bk	515	-3	6.5	9.1
9,263.50	Nat West	533	+14	5.1	9.6
118.80	Ottoman Bank	2375	+25	6.7	3.3
24.10	Rea Bros	58		2.0	16.2
3,256.15	Royal Bk Scot	406	-13	4.2	11.6
1,526.00	Schroders	1525	-9½	1.7	14.9
390.10	Schroders NV	1345	-1½	1.9	12.3
159.30	Singer & Fried	82	-½	5.5	
2,848.80	Stand Chart	299	-5½	3.4	8.9
3,659.10	TSB	239	-3½	4.7	10.2
1,577.40	Warburg SG	717	-13	3.8	13.1
4,997.10	Wells Fargo	9750	-300	2.9	
4,009.10	Westpac	219½	-5½	7.5	
17.90	Wintrust	210		6.3	14.0

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
39.70	Accoa Hldgs	144			
4,603.80	Bass	549	+24	4.8	13.6
310.10	Boddington	255	+4	4.3	13.1
32.50	Burtonwd Brs	161	-1	4.0	13.5
30.20	Eldridge P 'A'	146	-3	3.5	17.7
1,641.60	Fosters Brewing	51	-1	5.3	13.5
72.60	Fuller Smi 'A'	356	+13	2.8	14.7
92.10	Greenalls Grp	441	-11	3.7	14.5
213.30	Greene King	503	+8	3.3	13.7
48.60	Hardy Hanson	242	-14	4.8	11.9
3.59	Hymanlee	155		3.6	11.0
10.80	Hall J	3380		1.8	18.6
13.90	Marston	224	-6	2.6	13.7
261.90	Marston Thmp	291	+7	3.6	14.2
89.00	Morland	410		3.3	12.3
9.85	Paramount	7½	-½	4.1	17.7
50.50	Regent Inns	341	+4	2.2	19.5
4,850.25	SA Breweries	1737½	-6½	1.6	22.2
2,235.50	Scot & New	531	+17	4.1	15.2
30.30	Vaux Group	217	+1	5.7	12.3
167.70	Wetherspoon JD	462	-2	1.9	21.2
2,687.20	Whitbread	551	+1	4.3	15.0
339.20	Wolvrhmptn D	510	+2	3.4	13.2
60.90	Yates Bros	206	-1	2.3	16.2
13.30	Young 'A'	455	-5	4.1	13.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
50.40	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
49.40	Allen	153		4.6	14.3
143.70	Amec	71	-9	5.4	
22.30	Andrews Sykes	156	-9		
131.00	Ashtead	451	+3	1.7	18.4
38.70	Avonside	89	-1½	6.2	
3.99	Bailey (Ben) Con	38	+3	2.3	21.3
6.92	Baccm	37	+1		
250.40	Barratt Devs	192	-16	4.3	13.2
387.50	Beazer Homes	138		4.9	10.8
199.50	Bellway	204	-7	4.3	12.1
14.40	Belhaven	32		0.8	17.2
233.60	Berkeley Gp	366	+8	2.5	11.6
25.50	Bett Bros	170	-4	3.3	5.2
53.50	Bolt (Henry)	205	-5	4.1	10.1
21.00	Brandon Hire	123	+5	1.8	21.9
14.10	Br Bldg & Engt	125	+2	8.0	17.2
362.40	Bryant	130	+2	4.9	12.3
47.70	CALA	111		3.4	12.7
5.33	Campon & Am	37	+6		
6.40	Clarke T	52	-½	9.8	
76.40	Costain	14½	+½		
72.60	Countryside	95	-1	5.5	12.0
76.20	Crest Nicholson	77		3.2	10.8
15.10	Cussins	85	-1	5.5	
12.70	Edmond Hldgs	25		0.8	
22.10	Eve Group	225		6.1	9.2
19.10	Galliford	21½	-1½	5.8	
1.46	Gibbs & Dandy	86		3.9	
84.60	Gleeson (MJ)	838	-5	2.2	15.9
5.54	Green (Ernest)	72	-1½	9.8	22.2
53.00	Havelock Euro	203	+4	1.8	18.6
365.50	Hewden-Stuart	159	+1½	2.3	18.3
49.60	Higgs & Hill	75	-5	4.2	
4.42	Howard Hldgs	17		5.9	13.0
3.65	Jarvis	9			
58.80	Keller	105	+1	3.8	
92.30	Laing (J)	201½	-6½	5.8	
34.50	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	86	-1	9.3	
10.60	Lon Clydeside	117		5.7	12.4
17.50	Lovell (YJ)	44	+5	2.8	5.4
46.50	Maunders (J)	186	-1½	3.7	10.2
96.00	McAlpine (A)	139	-1	5.8	20.4
50.20	McCarthy & S	51			18.0
15.30	Morgan Sindall	53			
142.30	Mowlem (J)	81½	-1½	3.1	40.8
224.30	Persimmon	192	+8	6.2	12.3
17.80	Pochins	1715½	-3½	2.3	12.0
87.90	Prowting	113	+2	4.0	17.2
44.20	Raine Inds	23½	-1½	13.3	4.9
4.68	Secure Retire	45	-1		14.6
245.90	Redrow	111	-3	3.0	13.0
7.85	Smith-Roe	50	-2	1.9	23.5
38.60	Sherill Hldgs	364	-1	2.0	15.2
5.73	Shorco	91	+1	5.0	12.8
20.20	Smart (J)	200		5.3	21.0
96.30	Spender	298	-5	1.1	
47.60	Tay Homes	163	-7	5.1	11.3
442.90	Taylor Woodrw	115	-7	2.5	20.6
152.50	Tilbury Dougls	470		9.2	
9.24	Torex Hire	56	+5	2.9	19.6
11.80	Try Group	17	-1½	7.4	23.9
46.00	Vibroplant	104		4.5	18.7
67.20	Wainhomes	108	+2	5.7	11.7
26.30	Ward Hldgs	50	-3	3.8	
33.90	Westbury	141	+1	4.6	12.8
20.90	Wiggins	4½	+½		
207.20	Wilson (C)	161	+10	3.6	11.7
310.10	Wilson Bowdn	332	+4	3.9	12.0
485.70	Wimpey G	129	-1	5.3	15.9

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.89	Albrighton	9½	+2	6.6	16.0
103.80	Alumasc	335		2.5	16.8
22.50	Amberley Gp	52	+5	3.0	26.8
1,402.50	BPB Ind	280	-1	3.8	14.4
51.45	Baggeridge Brk	127		3.1	13.1
171.90	Baron	31	+4	8.4	
1.79	Beckley	55		2.0	
2,165.10	Blue Circle	297	+9	5.1	17.8
23.00	Breedon PLC	81	+8	7.7	
22.10	Br Dredging	132		6.3	15.9
1,281.60	CRH	364	+13½	2.8	
2.76	Cakebread Rby	46	+5	2.8	
107.19	Caper	198		6.9	
1,566.80	Caradon	262	-3	4.6	12.8
351.30	Caradon pf	128½	-2	7.1	
2.67	Chiltern Grp	31		12.1	11.5
1.72	Dyson (J&J)	105		4.2	15.8
8.63	Dyson A	53		6.9	9.5
18.50	Ecroyd Blinds	13			
64.20	Epwin	297	+2	3.7	
32.60	Erith	59	+½	4.8	
165.70	Graham Grp	162	-2	4.1	
101.20	Halstead (J)	334	+8	2.9	15.4
72.70	Hepworth	297	+5	6.5	13.4
7.44	Hewetson	80		2.3	13.9
8.26	Hewill (J)	81	+7	2.7	
23.89	Heywd Wms	249	+4	6.9	11.9
355.30	Ibstock	82	+½	1.5	
32.60	Johnston	308	+37	4.1	
24.40	Lilleshall	95		7.0	10.3
425.13	Marley	127	-4½	4.6	11.3
163.80	Marshalls	133		4.2	11.3
384.50	Meyer Int	305	-3	4.4	11.9
258.50	Newman Tonks	169	+2	5.1	
133.30	Norcros	77½	-1½	11.3	14.7
1.57	Phoenix Timber	16			
1,310.80	Pilkington	164	-5	3.0	31.6
227.40	Polypipe	145	+3	2.1	15.3
1,591.20	RMC Gp	1006	+17	2.7	20.8
1.32	Ramus	8			
2,056.57	Redland	435	-21	5.7	13.5
17.21	Rome	115		4.7	
763.33	Rugby Group	120	-1	3.2	14.8
21.90	Ruberoid (A)	90		3.5	
153.70	SGB	241	+19	3.1	
2.89	SMP	11½	+½	2.2	
37.40	Sharpe & Fisher	178	+2	3.6	
191.40	Sterling Plant	40	+½	1.6	
1,059.20	Tarmac	115	+3	6.0	
16.25	Tilon	155		3.6	12.5
354.91	Travis Perkins	296	+6	3.9	
3.65	Tudor	28		1.1	
12.20	Unigroup	33			
5.60	Warehouse	36	-2		
35.10	Wolsey	106	-2	2.1	13.0
1,352.60	Wolseley	380	-15	3.1	12.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13.80	Argyle Ltd	1½			
14.30	Aid Hldgs	65			
4.12	Bailey (CH)	7½			
10.95	Bain Arrow	43	-1	3.0	6.9
2.35	Br Engineering	73			65.5
7.59	Crest Gp	54		11.5	5.5
1.79	Chemer	4½		2.5	14.1
15.99	Corpd	135	-3	7.4	9.1
59.40	Fordpur	324	-6	1.1	19.3
3.67	Hearing	39		3.0	22.6
62.80	Hempsons	266	+2	3.5	13.1
76.50	Lasco	137		7.1	12.7
37.80	Lasco Gp	214	-8	3.6	13.9
133.10	Parity-Met	227½	-4½	2.6	22.1
19.10	Pratt & Gen	56	-1	3.9	
11.37	Ryalme	8			
167.60	Stakis & McEwan	91	-3	2.9	
35.30	Sococ (Mmt)	162	-1	5.6	12.1
345.10	Waste Mgt Intl	252	-20		

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
649.50	Allied Colloids	123	-2	2.4	17.4
30.69	Amber Ind	783		3.4	15.5
7,342.50	BASF DM	£125¾	-78½	3.5	
3,363.20	BOC	706		3.8	
412.80	BTP	259	+2	5.3	14.7
10,032.20	Bayer DM	£152¾	+103½	3.8	
75.50	Burgoin	109	-3	1.7	51.0
73.70	Brent Chemsl	107½	-½	4.9	
501.45	Br Vita	244	-5	3.9	16.3
5.55	Cambridge Lab	43	+3		
67.40	Canning (W)	202	-3	4.7	
1,721.12	Courtaulds	437	-14	4.3	29.8
428.50	Croda	331	-31	3.4	
17.30	Declan	158	+2	4.0	
39.70	Euro Colour	79½		2.2	33.0
35.60	Elba	117		5.9	10.8
229.00	Halcon	136	+4	3.2	
7,653.30	Hoechst	£129¼	+8½	4.0	
204.70	Holliday Chem	197	+5	3.2	
6,241.60	ICI	724	+2	4.7	33.4
126.10	Kalon	#139		4.1	
1,326.20	Laporte	677	-17	4.1	14.7
20.40	Little	82	+2	2.4	
129.00	Marylebone	317½	+5½	4.4	
77.20	MacLeod Russel	128	+10	6.1	14.0
9.23	Mercer	41		6.3	17.1
2,180.60	Morgan Crucible	336½	-5½	4.6	19.9
48.30	Porvair	315	+12	1.9	21.7
42.60	Scapa	207	-3	3.6	15.8
10.20	Senior Engrs	18		4.9	10.7
5,272.60	Tenneco Chem	787	+65½	1.3	9.4
33.50	Wardle Storeys	330	-15	6.5	18.4
44.90	Wellington Hlds	190	+3	3.6	
55.70	Wolstenholme R	753	-3	3.5	
132.05	Yule Catto	334	-7	3.2	14.9
249.20	Zeneca	249	+12	2.3	16.9

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
29.10	ABI Lns	93		5.5	10.7
56.30	Acol	292	-1	3.0	15.8
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545		3.6	6.8
8.65	Alexanders	16½		7.6	7.9
66.40	Appleyard	100	+3	7.2	
9.85	Arc Br Eng	3½		1.7	26.8
143.80	BSG Group	548	+13	4.2	19.3
7.43	Beatsng Power	21		6.0	10.8
1.26	Bogod	26		3.4	11.0
158.50	Bramner	353	-4	4.6	19.6
4.12	Bridgend Gp	15	+3	1.7	78.0
22.80	Bnt Fungs	96	+4	5.3	
11.70	Brown & Tawse	36	-2		
36.90	Burnside	34		7.1	
7.42	Cathcs	25	+10	6.4	37.0
13.70	Catrol Plc	14½	-1	9.5	8.0
9.55	Central Mrt	70		4.9	46.6
15.40	Cook (DC)	38		4.0	31.0
40.50	Comel	250	-1	4.6	10.8
30.50	Dat Motors	126		6.4	14.5
25.60	Dennora El	581	-2	1.5	14.4
242.00	Diplomat	433	+18	3.8	15.2
1,120.90	Electrocomps	533	+29	2.4	21.8
40.80	Electron House	160	-5	3.8	13.5
197.10	Ellis & Everard	236	-2	4.2	15.7
100.90	Eurodollar	306	+9	5.2	16.1
52.00	European Mtr	97	-1	5.8	10.5
130.30	Evans Halshaw	376		5.1	
768.70	Farnell Elect	569	-24	1.8	23.4
6.21	Fife Indmar	50	-½	7.5	
21.50	Gardner	20		5.0	9.2
4.05	Glencheweon	16			17.7
6.19	Gowrings	68	-3	3.7	20.6
25.40	Hafton Hldgs	68	-3	1.6	13.0
18.00	Harris (Phillip)	167		5.1	14.6
134.80	Hunty's	282½	+1½	3.8	13.1
2.78	Holders Tech	89	+6	8.8	
36.70	ISA Intl	92	-4	2.6	
1,602.10	Inchcape	304	+4	6.4	11.4
6.26	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
246.70	Kwik-Fit	143	+1½	3.8	
314.50	Lex Service	330	+7	5.3	17.6
32.30	Lookers	165		5.7	9.1
22.90	Malaya Grp	14		2.2	
39.70	Middlesex C	7	+½		
38.20	Morton	367	-23	0.8	15.4
13.80	Northamble	81	-2	2.0	34.4
14.50	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
28.90	Pendragon	227	+½	4.5	
35.20	Perry Gp	139		7.0	
30.10	Quicks Group	131	-3	5.0	13.8
14.70	REA	162	+1	4.6	35.5
3.87	Reece	2½			
4.91	Rocs Gp	3½	-1	7.1	
38.50	SEP Indt	47½	+1	2.8	15.8
14.80	TLS Range	41	-1	4.1	
120.50	Time Products	227		4.8	15.3
82.40	Vardy (Reg)	178		3.7	13.3
34.50	Wholesale Hgst	243		6.0	21.7
33.70	Wiks Gpt	13½	+½	4.6	7.6
56.70	Witchgar	68½	-1½	1.2	23.1
32.90	Wyko	68	+2	1.8	24.5
12.10	Young (H)	73		6.2	13.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
134.00	Adwest	163	+12	6.0	13.8
471.50	Antofagasta	300	+40	1.7	25.5
15.60	Armour	42½		5.4	8.9
13,371.00	Broken Hill	807	-21	2.4	17.9
11,932.50	BTR	328	+2	5.0	15.1
13,538.80	BAT	439	-4	6.2	11.7
349.10	Barcbord Ind	231½	-1½	0.3	61.3
134.40	Bibby (J)	86	+4	4.4	15.9
1,126.50	Brierley Inv	43½	+2	9.4	2.5
676.20	Charter	789	+½	3.8	16.5
1,409.20	Cookson	208	+6	4.2	20.9
12,010.80	Hanson	232	-6	6.5	14.5
1,120.30	Harrisn Crsfld	159	+6	7.3	18.5
9,699.90	Hutch Whamp	368	+2½	2.8	
3,948.30	Jardine Mam	549½	+6½	2.8	
5.04	Jourdan (T)	28		4.5	37.8
1,171.40	Lonrho	151½	+5	3.7	27.8
40.60	Porter Chadbrn	43	+1		
406.20	Powell Duffryn	474	+4	6.6	13.3
29.70	Pupner	127		8.4	
936.80	Robinsons	470	-13	5.1	22.8
35.90	Saltire	14½	+½		5.5
3,107.00	Sime Darby	147	+3	2.9	19.2
194.50	Staveley	170	-1	6.2	52.4
190.50	Suter	163	+7½	7.3	
367.10	TT Group	234	-10	2.9	14.2
2,777.70	Tomkins	235	-3	4.1	15.1
587.20	Trafalgar H	54½	-4½	2.5	
57.40	Ulster	295		6.0	
497.70	Wassall	258	+15	2.0	
13.00	Widney	9½	-½	2.7	14.4
1,965.20	Williams Hldg	340	+4	5.1	16.2

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,165.90	East Midlands	603	-14	5.7	25.4
1,422.50	Eastern Grp	569	-11	5.4	12.5
1,148.90	London Elect	582	-34	5.3	8.9
743.00	Manweb	645	-5	5.3	7.7
1,159.50	Midlands Elec	608	+3	5.1	9.3
5,076.10	National Power	428	-2	4.5	11.7
805.10	Northern Elec	749	+14	5.5	7.7
539.90	Nthn Ireland	328	+3	4.5	8.9
951.40	Norweb	613	-18	5.0	7.4
3,364.00	PowerGen	464	-6	4.0	10.0
1,193.60	Hydro-Elect	311	+6	5.2	9.8
2,622.60	Scottish Power	321	+1	5.0	10.2
840.00	Seeboard	343	-15	4.5	9.4
585.80	Sth Wales	634	-5	5.7	8.6
686.80	Sth Western	627	-10	5.0	8.3
1,585.30	Southern Elec	585	-30	5.2	8.5
1,113.80	Yorkshire Elec	606	-34	5.7	10.4

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
77.30	Acorn Comp▲	86			
71.40	Admiral	636		1.6	
98.20	Alcat	208	+3	3.1	16.2
202.90	Amstrad	174½	+4½	1.8	
23.10	Arlen	31	-1		
270.00	Azlec	87½	-6½	1.7	
25.70	Adam	118		3.2	9.5
1,193.90	BICC	335	-3	4.8	16.7
24.80	Beales Hunter	234		5.3	12.6
12.90	Berkeley Bus	49	-16		
141.30	Bicot	463		3.1	15.6
624.40	Bowthorpe	335	+35	3.1	16.5
4.68	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	-½	1.7	10.5
34.40	CML Micro	185		4.1	11.8
11.50	Channel Hldgs	32		4.9	9.1
47.90	Chloride	19½	+½	1.9	55.3
11.30	Clyhalite	61		5.5	
14.80	Cappymore	148		3.8	
388.10	Cray Elect	163½	+10½	1.9	19.0
65.00	Cresther	464	-4	2.3	19.6
782.40	Dankc Bs Sys	400	-6	0.5	29.3
735.60	Delta	494	+29	3.9	17.8
138.90	Domnot	524	+4	2.3	15.9
97.90	Dowding Mills	35		2.9	21.4
95.40	Dras	1490		0.9	25.3
2,124.30	Electrolux 'B'	2981½	+28½	3.5	
31.70	Emest	29½	-½	0.4	
7,345.00	Ericsson 'B'	3700	-118½	1.2	
31.20	Eurocomp	64		3.9	12.8
374.20	Eurotherm	419	+3	1.6	21.6
332.90	Fairey Group	407		2.2	
22.40	Forward Gp	273		2.5	16.9
21.40	Forward Tech	63	+2	4.1	
8,119.30	GEC	296		4.6	14.6
223.30	Gestetner	113	+2	2.9	
88.40	Grazeby	137	-1	6.2	
48.30	Ind Control	121	+1	5.2	10.8
129.40	Kenwood App	282	-3	4.1	13.9
451.90	Kershaw (A)	1300		3.2	9.8
6.08	Kode	64	+3		
2.75	LPA Ind	30½	-½	6.6	21.7
54.90	MTL Inst	305		1.9	
13.90	Manvler-Smt	264		2.1	18.5
23.90	Microvitec	32½		1.6	
319.80	Motel	305	+13		
3.15	Pacer Systems	67	-1	6.0	
100.40	Peal	84		5.2	
7,120.70	Philips Lmp nv	2103½	-103½	2.6	
28.10	Pifco	293		2.0	18.7
18.80	Pifco A Vtg	273		2.1	19.7
6.16	Prasmec	131	-6	3.9	13.4
41.80	Pressac	113	+9	3.2	17.6
10.20	Prestancs	25	+1		
61.40	Psion	257	-7	1.6	
658.50	Racal Elect	235	-7	2.4	15.3
9.44	Radamec	51	+3	4.7	14.0
126.10	Rotork	233	+3	3.6	
5.52	Scantronic	10½	-½		
28.20	Sivercross	44	-3	2.9	25.7
5.86	Soundtracks	36	-1	5.6	12.8
74.40	Sten Bus	77	-5	6.0	5.1
1.91	TCC Groups	3	-½		
3,737.60	TDK	2343½	+134½	1.2	
55.90	Tadpole Tech	209	-15		
58.60	Telemetrix	64	-5	2.3	
19.10	TGI	39	+5	3.2	16.6
129.30	Telspec	408	-12	1.1	
23.40	Thorpe FW	233	-3	1.9	17.3
256.40	TLG	144		3.0	20.7
2.83	Total Systems	28	-2		29.1
78.30	Tunstall	232		3.0	16.0
260.40	Unitech	372	+6	2.2	13.9
19.90	Vosta	3½			22.8
97.50	Volex	368	-1	6.2	15.4
13.90	Wolesbourne	63	+1		
71.70	Whitecroft	162	-1	2.7	17.9

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.30	AMI	135		3.0	
199.50	APV	57½		5.9	
152.90	ASW	193	-14	3.8	
19.80	Aero Needle	33		14.2	33.0
6.67	Aerospace Engt	16½	+½	5.7	
73.60	Alvsit	71½	-1½	1.7	
38.10	Ash & Lacy	146	+12	5.7	
56.20	Atlas Evaps	540	-12	5.2	
13.50	Ayrshire Metal	135	+10	4.5	
202.90	Babcock	33½			
58.80	BM	123		6.3	19.9
118.25	Baynes (Charles)	82	+½	3.6	12.7
12.40	Beauford▲	30		1.1	7.0
1.84	Bullam (J)	15	-2	5.8	
184.70	Bodycote	319	-3	2.7	21.8
2.92	Booth Inds	15			
11.10	Brauway	14	-½	4.7	13.2
80.70	Briden	141		1.6	13.8
2,014.50	Br Aerospace	474	-20	2.6	19.6
2,273.90	Br Steel	160½	-6½	2.7	15.3
58.90	Brmingham Ind	81	-4	7.0	13.6
4.56	Brome Tool	12		1.0	27.8
46.60	Brunt	48	-3½		
203.90	Bullough	168	-9	4.5	17.4
27.60	Burndrick	81	-2	4.2	14.7
12.16	CI Group	34		2.7	
143.00	Cardo Eng	283		5.3	14.9
56.60	Castings	155		2.3	19.0
10.60	Chamberlin Hill	150		5.6	9.5
76.10	Chemring	328	-5	3.7	15.4
12.20	Clyde Blowers	155	-1	3.6	
226.30	Cobham	713	-3	2.1	15.6
4.06	Corner (A)	508		0.5	
99.00	Concentric	192	+2	4.2	14.3
46.20	Cook (Wm)	210		4.5	9.9
112.50	David Brown	196	+1	4.2	13.8
126.20	Dobson Park	81		5.8	15.0
152.80	EIC	333		4.7	13.4
33.80	Elliott (B)	95		2.6	14.2
53.10	Eccamen	24	-3½	4.5	
683.40	FKI	152½	-2½	3.4	17.6
68.40	Fenner	128		1.5	99.6
1.92	Ferrom	15			
32.10	GEI Intl	67		3.5	15.9
4.98	Galton Eng	131		5.4	
63.30	Glynwed	306	-5	5.1	14.9
34.50	Graystone	12½	-½	3.2	9.7
68.10	Haden Maclln	67		4.2	
10.30	Hadleigh	151	+1	2.1	17.1
55.50	Hall Engt	174	+8	5.8	
401.40	Hanna	231	-12	1.6	21.7
28.50	Hampson Ind	65	-1	5.6	8.6
3.61	Hay (Norman)	24	+4		
41.60	Hill & Smith	125		6.2	17.2
44.50	Hopkinsons	57		2.9	
12.10	Howe Gp	29	-1	3.2	
226.70	Howden	81	-½	3.9	13.2
165.60	Hunting	170		7.4	24.3
996.10	IMI	305	-5	4.3	18.3
49.70	Johnson & FB	42½			
1,005.90	Johnson Mtth	524	+4	2.9	15.6
7.45	Jones Stroud	29			
9.67	Kelsey Ind	312	+2	5.2	14.6
27.40	Linco	258		1.2	15.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.05	AAF Inds	35	-1		
13.10	Airflow Stream	154	-3	3.2	15.1
118.50	Avon Rubber	444		4.6	16.0
798.00	BBA	195	+2½	3.0	
188.90	BSG	64½	+2½	6.2	
12.20	Benson Group	8½		5.1	11.7
47.20	Bostrom	299		2.5	17.1
11.90	Boustead	18		6.9	
26.30	Caredale	12½	+½	1.5	12.7
34.50	ERF	352	-2	1.4	
61.10	First Tech	394		1.7	22.7
2,147.90	GKN	619	+9½	4.3	16.8
19,806.40	General Mtr	2787½	+187½	1.8	
10,106.70	Honda Motor	1037½	+68½	0.5	
457.00	Laird	323		4.2	15.6
7.41	Loades	370	+10		
1,574.60	Lucas	197	+1	4.5	
129.50	Maydower	65	+3½	2.9	
36.70	Motcatees	70			
38.20	Syltone	187		2.8	18.5
799.50	T & N	151	-8	5.1	
169.10	Trinity Hldgs	329	-1	2.5	23.8

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,745.00	AB Food	610	+11	3.3	12.6
134.60	Acatos & Hutcht	243		4.6	9.2
291.10	Albert Fisher	41	-1	11.3	12.1
17.20	Banks (S C)	200		6.1	9.3
67.40	Barr (AG)	353	+15	2.8	14.6
9.67	Benjons Crsp	19			
928.00	Booker	413	+19	7.0	
20.10	Borthwick	34½	-½	4.7	16.4
21.00	CPL Aromas	193		1.9	18.4
3,845.00	Cadbury-Schw	444	-8½	4.5	13.7
17.00	Carrs Milling	247	+2	3.1	11.2
23.90	Cranswick	171	+2	6.1	12.4
13.00	Dalepak	112	-4	2.2	
1,000.10	Dalgety	435	+11	6.3	11.9
3.24	Daniels S	39		0.3	
326.70	Devro	242	+4½	3.7	
20.30	Everest	80		4.2	19.8
1.11	Farsnglord	4½	-½		
61.80	Finlay (James)	62	-3	8.4	8.4
15.20	Global	12		5.6	
17.80	Grand Central	45	-2		
361.60	Greencore	424	+4	3.1	11.1
214.00	Hazlewood Fds	92	-5	9.1	5.7
1,285.20	Hillsdown	185	+4	6.5	12.1
102.50	Hobson	26½	-½	1.9	
27.00	JLI Group	66		9.3	9.2
54.30	Linton Park	335		6.5	9.6
137.50	Matthews (B)	111	-2	3.6	
416.30	Man ED & F	162	+6	6.6	8.9
86.90	Nichols (JN)	219	+2	3.5	
1,053.20	Nthn Foods	183	-11	6.0	9.4
6.11	Nrravtn Fn	10			19.4
1.42	Pascoe's	89	-3½		
79.00	Perkins Foods	64	+2	8.7	
55.60	SeaPerfect	113	-2		
4.21	Stanley Farm	98		2.9	9.9
24.80	Sims Food	72	-1	13.0	
1,705.20	Tate & Lyle	435	-5	4.1	9.0
34.40	Treats	254	+5	2.3	17.9
905.60	Unigate	386	+9	5.7	10.6
9,867.50	Unilever	1223	+29½	2.7	
13,022.40	Unilever (NV)	8106½	+100	3.1	
1,760.20	Utd Biscuits	334	+2½	5.7	14.4
14.00	West Trust	33	-2	9.5	33.1
35.60	Yorkshire Food	80	-1	5.5	17.6

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
398.30	AAH	443	+12	5.1	15.5
479.40	Amersham	828	-29	2.4	17.4
20.50	Arragon	44	-1		
30.20	Assoc Nursg	184	-1	1.5	10.8
78.40	Bespak	310	+5	4.1	15.9
24.20	Care UK	60	-2		
51.00	Celsis	85	-5		
43.10	Cortecs	39	+2		
69.60	Community Hl	209½	-½	4.8	12.0
56.90	CrestaCare	30	-1	3.3	
21.20	Ennismed	82	-1	2.4	10.4
7.60	Ferraris Group	71	+2	4.0	9.8
61.30	Goldsborough	140	-2	2.9	12.5
16.70	Greenacre	9½		4.5	12.6
143.80	Huntgn Tec	508	+3	1.3	23.7
14.80	Intercare Gp	52		8.4	9.4
31.20	Isoron	250	-1½	2.5	15.5
240.00	Life Sciences	138	+2	4.0	
338.30	Lon Intl	100	+1		
36.70	Nestor-BNA	49	+7	8.4	
2.92	Premier Health	1			
32.30	Quality Care	233		2.4	11.4
98.80	Scholl	146	+6	5.5	14.0
148.60	Seton Health	359		2.4	18.3
6.32	Sheila Diag	34	-6		
1,834.60	Smith & Neph	168	+1½	4.0	
1.56	Specialeyes	10	-1		
263.10	Takare	210	+4	1.4	
467.60	UniChem	272	+22½	3.3	14.1
158.20	West Hlthcare	309½	+½	2.0	16.2

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
45.40	Airsprung	190		3.2	12.3
6.91	BLP Group	135	+10	0.9	37.0
3.52	Bristen Bdrsea	30	-1		
27.10	Crowll Plc 'A'	67	-2	8.0	
6.67	Creighton NI	145	-15	6.6	10.2
48.40	Denby Group	145		2.7	15.8
6.47	Gazell	132		4.1	
7.65	Lionmeat	4		6.2	
58.50	Maxbom	194	+4	4.2	
141.70	Ondune Inf	285	+26	5.0	12.2
23.70	Osborne & Little	389		2.4	11.8
100.50	Paterson Zoch	412	-4½	4.2	12.6
85.20	Paterson Zch 'A'	375	+4½	4.7	11.5
2,626.60	Reckitt Colmn	621	-7½	2.8	54.8
59.00	Relyon	217		3.3	
82.10	Silentnight	177	+23	5.6	11.1
18.50	Spectrum	28	-½	7.1	10.6
10.50	Tomkinsons	170	-12	8.5	25.7
7.89	Victoria Carpet	116	-9	4.8	5.6
12.00	Walker Greenb	107		4.2	19.7
375.60	Wilson Walton	53		1.9	
3.70	Wood Hamill	155	+4½	3.4	

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
546.00	Alex & Alext	1475	+100	4.5	
4,293.70	Am Gen	2050	+97½	3.7	
54.00	Angerstein	60	+1	3.1	65.9
22.05	Archer	69	-1	2.1	
50.50	Bradstock	23	-3	8.6	3.4
940.40	Britannic	496	-9	3.6	
76.70	CLM Insce	88½	-1½	2.9	
2,589.00	Com Union	542	-6	6.1	10.5
43.30	Delian	95	+1½	2.2	
96.60	Dom & Genl	1420	+35	2.5	15.2
65.90	FBD E	163½	-½	4.6	
51.80	Fenchurch Gp	143		7.9	9.5
25.10	Finsbury Under	97		2.8	58.1
2,559.40	Gen Accident	565	-23	5.6	8.0
1,590.70	GRE	162	-2	5.7	
53.40	HCS Lloyds	83	-1	1.9	71.6
155.90	Heath C E	236	+6	8.5	
108.60	Hiscman E	210½	-½	4.5	
27.90	Hiscox Select	63		3.3	36.6
121.40	Independent	271	-1	4.6	
583.50	Irish Life	192	+4	6.1	17.9
153.40	JIB Group	130	-1	7.8	
27.30	Kiln Capcl	101		5.0	
2,312.80	Legal & Genl	472	+3½	5.7	20.8
3,885.10	Liberty Life	1528½	-25	8.2	
266.00	London Inc Mn	95	-½	2.6	32.1
118.50	Lloyd Thomp	152½	+1½	6.8	19.6
2,495.20	Lloyds Abbey	359	-6	6.8	12.1
62.30	Lombard Ins	333		4.1	23.2
411.10	Lowdn & Man	343	+5	5.9	16.7
28.30	London Inc Mn	95	-½	2.6	33.1
88.10	Lowndes Lmb	148½	+3½	6.5	3.2
3,801.10	Marsh Mcln	5156½	+16½	3.5	
39.70	Minorsa	88½	+1		
75.00	Nelson Hurst	166	-2	5.1	
43.20	New London Cap	72	+3	1.1	
17.70	Octham	35			17.1
25.20	Owl	92	-5	6.8	
15.90	Premium Trust	70	-1	5.6	26.6
12.10	Premium Under	92			
5,693.10	Prudential	316	-6½	5.8	14.5
5.53	PWS	21	-1	3.6	
505.70	Refuge	322	+1	4.8	
1,358.40	Royal Ins	281	-5	5.2	9.5
819.30	Sedgwick	150	-2	6.4	15.3
53.80	Stewart Wrightson	112	-1	10.6	16.2
2,602.30	Sun Alliance	322	-9	6.1	10.3
23.30	Syndicate Capt	72		2.2	57.4
13.50	Trade Indemnity	77		1.8	
1,012.50	Transatlantic	335	+3	4.9	
47.50	Utd Friendly	680	+2	3.7	29.8
590.80	Willis Corroon	141		5.9	
7.10	Windsor	21		3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,026.50	3i	347	-14	2.7	
33.20	Abtrust Emerg	86½	+2	0.4	
32.20	Abtrust High Inc	76		9.9	
37.30	Abtrust Nw Dawn	222	-5	0.8	
891.10	Alliance	1768	-11	3.5	
215.50	American Trust	259	-1	2.7	
462.50	Anglo & O'seas	206		2.3	
74.20	Baillie Gifford Sh	118	-5		
6.50	Lapice				
4.50	Locker (T) A	15	+1	3.3	
49.10	ML Hgst	31		3.4	10.8
5.21	MS Intl	19	-2	9.9	11.5
26.20	Mang Bronze	158	-1	3.6	13.3
410.90	McKechnie	421	+5	4.4	24.7
171.10	Meggitt	79	-1	6.4	
93.60	Metlir	103	-3	5.0	
30.10	Metsec	130	-1	2.9	
176.80	Molins	520	+1½	4.1	
694.50	Morgan Cble	317	+1	6.0	15.4
25.90	Morris Ashby	221	+2	3.5	16.0
7.87	Neepsend	32		4.9	16.1
17.10	Neotronics	66		3.2	18.3
1.85	Newmark (L)	40			
10.50	Orll Ind	14½	-½	15.1	63.8
156.80	Oxford Inst	322	+4	2.0	19.0
219.00	Powerscreen	250	+3	3.8	10.5
36.70	Prospec Indst	12½	-½	8.7	6.3
8.99	Radiant Metal	73			
23.30	Ransomes	41	-8		
27.00	Record	81	-1	5.7	
157.60	Renishawt	283	+3	2.8	23.3
127.70	Renold	192	+1	2.0	26.6
3.95	Richard (Leics)	47	-3	8.0	33.6
23.00	Richardson West	66	-1	6.7	
1,957.10	Rolls-Royce▼	159½	-4½	3.9	24.1
142.50	Rotork	163	+1½	3.7	
36.10	Rubicon	152		3.9	25.3
239.50	Senior Eng	79½	+6	5.5	
37.00	Servomex	270	+3	3.3	
2,354.00	Siebe	550	-13	2.6	17.7
12.00	Simon Eng	78	-2		
43.10	Six Hundred	80	-3	2.3	27.6
770.00	SKF 'B'	1208½	+121½	2.9	
1,309.40	Smiths Ind	466	-13	3.5	17.9
371.80	Spirax-Sarco	478	+1	3.1	16.8
68.00	Starling Ind	243	+5	3.6	15.7
1,764.40	TI	377	+15	4.0	17.4
7.18	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
50.20	Transtec Tech	52		7.9	7.4
83.30	Triplex Lloyd	128		6.8	
31.30	Utd Inds	14		0.9	
990.90	VSEL	1555	+19	2.9	14.8
17.70	Verson	12			
626.40	Vickers	190	+11	3.1	18.4
112.50	Victaulic	254	+4	4.3	
11.30	Villers Grp	9½			
220.00	Vinten	534	-4	2.1	
235.70	Vosper Thorny	739	-3	3.2	16.0
216.20	Wagon Ind	458	+3	5.0	23.3
465.20	Weir	236	+3	3.8	17.8
48.00	Wellman	39½	-½	3.2	64.5
103.00	Whatman	448	-3	3.2	
36.40	Whessoe	123	+2	2.3	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS (continued)

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
278.40	Bankers	179½	-½	2.8	
42.30	Baring Em Eu	34	-½	0.4	
161.10	Baring Tribune	314	+3½	2.7	
11.30	Barry Sawst	217	-1	1.3	
275.80	Br Assets	95½	-1½	6.3	
114.10	Br Empire Sec	85½		1.4	
3.59	Br Empire Wts	27			
633.40	Br Inv	203	-3	3.0	
49.50	Brazilian	79½	-3½	0.4	
140.80	Brunner	220	+2½	3.1	
61.70	BZW Conv	120½	-1½	8.1	
82.90	Candover	370		4.1	
71.00	Central Euro Growth	35½	-1½	1.5	
33.30	Cities & Eastern	163	-5	2.6	
35.80	Contl Assets	164	+1	2.3	
5.54	Dane Inv Inc	78		13.1	
44.90	Derby Cap	293	-7		
18.30	Derby Inc	155	-1	13.6	
6.82	Drayton Blue	54		19.4	
45.60	Dryn Eng Ind	93	+1	1.1	
158.90	Dryn Far East	137½	+2	0.6	
285.40	Dundon Inc Gt	842	+8	5.2	
16.30	Dundon Japan	80½	-2½		
50.70	Dundon Smr	302		3.7	
2.20	Dunedit Wts	27½	-½		
232.20	Dunedin Wrde	693	-10	1.7	
242.50	Edin Dragon	91½			
23.50	Edinburgh Inca	28½	+½	0.2	
859.40	Edinburgh	292½	-½	3.8	
13.10	EFM Japan	131	-3		
571.20	Electra Inv	330	+6	2.7	
171.30	Electric Gen	189½	+2	2.1	
7.88	Eng & Caledon	175		2.9	
1.57	English Scot	119			
68.80	European Assett	276	+1	2.3	
80.30	Fidelity Euro Valt	154	-½	0.2	
71.90	Fidty Jap Val	68½	-½	0.2	
24.00	Finsbury 'A'	150	+1	2.7	
5.44	First Spanish	62½	-½	0.5	
187.90	Fleming Amert	280	-6½	0.8	
36.20	Fleming Chinese	60	-1½	1.0	
3.72	Fleming Ch Wts	31	+½		
117.80	Fleming Claver	213	+1	3.3	
190.00	Fleming Cont	291		0.9	
124.70	Fleming Em Mkts	129	-2½		
82.40	Fleming Engt	206	+2	2.9	
458.10	Fleming F East	303	-1	0.6	
42.50	Fleming Fledgt	337	-1	1.1	
30.60	Fleming Hi Inct	94½	-½	6.0	
60.90	Fleming Indian	72½	-½	1.8	
7.22	Fleming In Wts	43	+1		
22.00	Fleming Intl	30½	+½	14.6	
380.40	Fleming Japan	220	+3		
367.00	Fleming Merct	254	-2	3.4	
38.50	Fleming Nat Res	77	+1		
374.50	Fleming Oseas	282		1.9	
1,403.10	Foreign & Colt	133½	+½	1.7	
40.30	For & Col Inc Gwth	94		2.8	
179.30	Frgn Emg Mkts	95½	-1		
68.20	Frgn Enterprise	72½	-½	1.4	
129.00	Frgn Eurost	207		8.7	
46.00	Frgn German	117	-2	8.5	
338.40	Frgn Pacific	294		1.1	
66.10	Frgn PEP	122	+1	3.6	
165.70	Frgn Smaller	158½	+2	1.6	
50.20	Frgn US Smlr	100	+½		
2.81	Fulcrum Cap	17½			
4.38	Fulcrum Inct	39		27.8	
12.40	Fulcrum Zero	144	-½		
97.50	Gartmore Brit	195		4.7	
22.90	Gartmore Euro	135	+1	0.8	
29.20	Gartmore Smrlt	86	+1	14.0	
30.80	Gmore Smr Cos	214	+6	3.4	
21.70	Geared Inc Inv	94		11.1	
27.20	Genl Cons Cap	150	+3		
38.40	Genl Inct	106	+1	11.0	
38.10	German Inv	92½	-1	0.1	
75.40	Gov Asian Sm Co's	201	-3½	0.2	
34.90	Gov Emg Mkt	91½		0.3	
36.90	Govett Am Smlr	148	-½		
16.40	Gov Glob Smlr	75	-2		
37.80	Govett High Inct	73½	+½	9.3	
593.00	Govett Oriental	330		0.4	
228.80	Govett Strategic	233	+4	3.6	
41.50	Greenfriar	361	-1	2.4	
0.51	Gresham House	19			
132.30	GT Japan	272	+3	0.7	
83.20	H Govett Smlr Co	116½	+1½	1.1	
30.30	Hend High	116		6.1	
44.20	Hend Strata	264½	+5½	0.2	
53.00	Herald	81½		0.8	
80.10	HTR Jap Smaller	80	+½	0.7	
29.30	I&S Ent	13	+1		
29.30	I&S UK Smlr	101	+5	3.5	
29.30	Inv Cap	121		5.4	
30.00	Inv Biotech	79½	-4½		
	Inv Wts	24	-1		
28.50	INVESCO Korea	124			
23.80	J Fry 2nd Ut	82	-2	9.0	
8.95	J Fry Euro Ut	84		7.1	
120.30	JF Fledg Jap	191	+5		
25.40	Jupiter Intl Grwt	101	+1	4.2	
166.10	Klnwt Chrt	205	+1	3.1	
28.30	Klnwt E Mkt	100	+1		
33.00	Klnwt Ent	115			
367.60	Klnwt Euro Priv	73½	-2	1.4	
32.50	Klnwt Euro Wts	22½	-2		
22.50	Klnwt H Inct	75	-3	13.3	
181.80	Klnwt O'seas	225	-½	1.9	
15.00	Klnwt Smlr	114	+3	2.4	
71.60	Lazo Americas	73½	-3½		
174.30	Law Debenture	768	+35½	3.3	
33.30	Lazard H Inct	132	-1	7.3	
20.10	Lloyds Sm Cos	113	+2½		
6.38	Lloyds Sm Cos	35		11.5	
27.30	Lloyds Sm Pkgt	113	+5	4.1	
55.10	Lon Sr Lawrence	168		4.7	
38.30	Lon Smaller Cos	84	-2	3.7	
69.10	Lowland	254	+4	4.0	
173.20	Lydenburg	1125		2.0	
54.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	545	+5		
11.70	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	137		25.6	
105.20	M&G Dual Cap	257			
14.50	M&G Dual Inc	71	+3		
61.40	M&G Inc Geared	128		10.2	
59.90	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	52			
33.80	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34		12.4	
170.60	M&G Packaged	167		5.3	
139.90	M&G Inc Zero Div	56½	+½		
37.00	M&G Rec Cap	77½			
562.20	M&G Rec Geared	567		8.6	
39.10	M&G Rec Inc	28	+½	16.7	
144.00	M&G Rec Paced	139		5.9	
101.70	M&G Rec Zero Div	79½			
22.20	M Currie Euro	101		0.4	
20.30	M Currie Pac	107½	-½	0.1	
58.70	Majedie	158		3.5	
9.32	Martaxt	45			
26.40	Merchants	254½	-2	5.7	
471.50	Mercury Euro Pr	188		3.3	
37.00	Mercury Eur Wt	67	-2		
146.60	Mercury World	62	-2	1.0	
13.60	Mercury Wld Wts	15			
330.30	Monks Inv Tst	53	-2	1.7	
45.50	Merq Gren Inc	98	-2	4.5	
5.02	Morg Grn Wts	28	-1		
36.30	Morg Gren Amer	96½	-1		
3.59	Morg Wts	47	-1		
31.50	Murray Ent	116	-1	3.3	
1.15	Murray Ent Wts	47	-1		
49.10	Murray Emg Ecu	32			
3.33	Murray Ent Ec Wt	11½			
16.80	Murray Emrg	56	+1	0.8	
0.69	Murray Em Wts	11½	-1		
278.40	Murray Income	323	+4	4.7	
387.00	Murray Intl	322	-1	4.9	
10.80	Murray S/C DP	165	+2		
7.34	Murray S/C Cap	131	+1		
6.00	Murray S/C Inct	75		17.7	
1.52	Murray S/C Ulst	2925		4.5	
227.00	Murray Small	394	+2	1.4	
66.50	Murray Vent	350	+13	4.8	
6.88	Newmarket	19	+2		
20.70	Nthrng Inct	53	+1	10.0	
18.60	Nthrng Cap	75	+2		
121.50	O'seas Inv Tst	319	-7	1.3	
2.84	O'seas Wts	158			
89.10	Pacific Assett	437	-3	0.4	
11.10	Pacific Wts	341	-2		
28.70	Perpetual Jap	78½	+1		
17.40	Personal Assets	8700		2.8	
41.20	Pilot Inv	111		1.7	
7.88	Piper Euro Sm	78	-2		
64.80	Prolific Inct	92½	+1½	1.0	
314.40	RIT Cap Ptnr	174	+2	1.1	
10.50	River Merc Am Cap	28			
7.25	River Merc Am Inct	98	+½	9.9	
8.49	River Merc Am Wts	6½	-1½		
48.70	River Merc Cap	116			
30.50	River Merc Er Inc	82	+1	11.9	
0.54	River Merc Er Inctw	8			
18.90	River Merc Gnd Inc	78	-3	12.1	
9.10	River Merc Gnd Pd	26			
21.58	River Merc 1st Inct	107		18.7	
38.78	River Merc Sto Cap	132	+3	4.2	
1.41	River Merc Sm Wt	29	+5		
	Robeco	407	+1	3.5	
	Rolinco	412		1.8	
95.60	Schrod Jap Gwth	75½	+2		
9.00	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	36	+3		
44.60	Schrod Korea Fd	675½	-15	0.2	
3.63	Sch Kong Fd Wt	330	-7½		
42.40	Sch Spl Zero Div	112½	+½		
7.22	Sch Split Fd Cap	125	-1½		
59.46	Sch Split Fd Inct	105	-1½	8.9	
109.80	Schrod Uk Gwth	93	+1	2.0	
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	38	+1		
577.40	Scot	213	-3½	2.0	
343.20	Scot American	155½	-½	4.1	
53.10	Scot Asian	253	+1		
4.17	Scot Wts	585	+10		
502.70	Scot Eastern	79½	+½	2.5	
782.70	Scot Mtge	217	-1	2.4	
126.10	Scot Natl Tst	79	+½	11.9	
51.10	Scot Value	101½	-½	2.5	
304.30	Second Alliance	1585	-5	3.4	
239.40	Secs Tst of Scot	81	-½	5.0	
36.19	Selective Assett	125		1.6	
24.60	SHIRESCOT	127	+1	5.6	
38.80	Sphere Inv	32		15.9	
100.40	St Andrew Invt	292	+2	3.5	
196.50	Temple Bart	343	+2	5.1	
99.20	Thrgtn Asian E	98	+2	0.6	
1.54	Throg Dual Cp	44			
225.60	Throgmorton	74½	-1½	3.9	
427.30	Tplton Emg Mkt	108½	-½	0.8	
303.00	TR City Of Lon	148	+1	4.4	
95.80	TR Euro Growth	158	-½	1.3	
67.00	TR Far East	141	+1	5.1	
135.30	TR Pacific	101	+1	0.2	
141.20	TR Property	30	-½	3.8	
325.20	TR Smlr Cos	182½	+3½	2.5	
37.10	TR Tech Inv	102		2.1	
21.00	Tuskey Trust	212	+7	1.2	
81.30	USDC Invest	222	+1	2.5	
52.10	Undervalued Ast	97	+1		
51.60	Value Inc Tst	116½	+2	4.5	
24.40	Warrants & Val	30½	-½		
12.20	Wigmore	60		1.0	
827.50	Witan	220½	-4	3.5	
21.20	Yeoman Inct	88	-1	19.5	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Sth H	28	-2		
494.10	Airtours	425	+10	3.5	8.3
18.90	Ale Lea	27	+5		
211.10	Alpha Airpts	140	-1	3.6	
45.20	Arcadian	41		2.5	
24.60	Baldwin	129	+11	3.9	9.6
33.40	Barr & Wall	224	+2	8.4	
99.80	Bluebird Toys	225	-7	4.6	6.5
66.70	Boosey Hwks	335		1.9	19.8
7.36	Brent Walker	2	-½		
9.92	Bristol Scotts	160	-5	2.3	
0.90	Buckingham Int	1½			
67.30	Chrysalis	253			
135.50	City Centre Rest	70½	-2½	3.2	14.3
762.20	Compass Gp	320		2.6	16.7
69.20	Eurocamp	353	-1	5.0	11.7
1,270.00	Euro Disney	186	+18		
17.90	Euro Leisure	2½			11.8
13.10	Fairline Boats	375	+7	5.2	17.3
171.10	First Choice	108	+1	4.5	28.3
448.40	First Leisure	275		3.2	17.5
2,152.30	Forte	228	-8	4.1	27.0
30.60	Friendly Hotels	154	-4	4.6	25.8
7.24	GR Hldgs	55			
3,259.20	Granada	560	+24	2.2	16.7
21.70	Grnps Chez Gert	116	-1½	8.8	16.1
10.90	Hi-Tec Sports	21½	-½	9.3	
9.38	Hornby	113	-4	5.8	
61.20	Jurys Hotel	180½	+½	3.8	16.2
44.70	Kunick	19	+1½	3.3	27.8
198.90	London Clubs	281	+6	5.3	14.3
1,967.20	Ladbroke	169	+4½	4.4	
2.68	Magnolia	47	-1	0.3	
80.90	Man Utd	133	+8	4.1	17.1
568.30	Maxdonn Grot	81½	-1½	4.2	
26.20	My Kinda Town	10½		1.2	
29.30	Northern	73	-2	5.3	11.8
54.10	Pelican Gp	75		2.1	15.6
71.80	PizzaExpress	134	-1	2.0	16.6
7.31	Prism Leisure	86	-4	6.1	6.1
10.30	Queens Moat Gp	28	-1		
13.70	Rank Org	224	+5	2.5	26.1
3,344.90	Rank Orgt	403		4.1	19.8
17.30	Ryan Hotels IE	26½	-½	4.9	15.1
264.00	Savoy Hotel 'A'	923		0.5	
415.30	Stakis	86½	+2½	2.2	20.3
208.90	Stanley Leczie	389	+13	1.8	21.3
1,297.90	Tanyorg	346		0.6	19.4
4,673.90	Thorn EMI	1098	-31	4.0	19.9
26.10	Tottenham Hot	183	-1	0.8	16.9
65.40	VCI	168	-3	3.2	
122.90	Vardon	141		1.3	
15.50	Wembley	#6			
7.13	Zetex Gp	105	+3	11.0	8.4

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
108.10	Abbott Mead	340	+1	2.3	
51.60	Adscene	290	-8	3.6	18.1
184.00	Aegis Gp	22½	-½		
3.44	Allied Radio	2½			
1.08	BBB Design	13			35.9
31.60	Barcor Indext	187		5.8	16.7
4.53	Beldale	5			
5.05	Bear (A&C)	325	+5	5.6	
169.90	Bleheam Gp	204	+6	6.6	11.2
20.70	Border TV	303	+4	2.6	17.8
57.00	Bristol	350		4.5	35.6
4,364.80	B Sky B	264½	-9½		47.9
52.30	CIA Gpt	127½	-7½	1.8	
36.60	Caledonian Med	25	+2½		
258.60	Capital Radio	355		2.8	22.1
2,118.20	Carlton Comms	921	+25	2.8	16.9
6.79	City of Lon	85		6.4	13.1
205.10	Coalmit	92½	-1½		15.7
98.50	Daily Mail	1390½		1.5	23.8
1,098.80	Daily Mail 'A'	1103½	+25	1.9	18.7
222.00	Dorling Kind	341½	+16½	1.3	32.2
828.00	EMAP	418	+6	2.7	23.1
4,352.70	Elsevier	662½	+18		
336.60	Euromoney Pb	1543	-2	3.4	22.2
4.09	Flich	11½	+1		
366.70	Flextech	393	+43		
57.80	GWR Grt	675		1.9	21.7
44.60	Gold Greenlees	162	-1	3.0	20.2
8.08	Goodwood	20		0.3	
37.10	Grampian	263		3.8	14.7
143.80	HTV Group	164	+1	1.7	
2.07	Harrington K	20½	-4½	6.1	
44.90	Haynes Pubs	286		3.8	16.0
114.80	Hodder H'line	329	+14	2.3	
14.18	Home Counts	141	-9	4.4	34.8
297.90	Independent	246		4.3	
94.90	Intl Bus Comm	244	+9	3.4	
6.79	Islamnic	130	-5	7.5	33.0
189.40	Johnston Press	142	+1	1.8	
7.96	Lopex	15		2.1	
65.00	MAID	80	-1		
52.30	Metal Bulletin	539	-9	2.8	24.0
188.20	Midland Ind	122	-3	3.4	
370.50	Mirror Gp	137	+2	0.9	7.2
113.40	More O'Ferrall	349	+5	4.7	
5,511.20	News Corp	296	+7	0.5	19.9
2,009.70	News Intl	291	-8	1.0	5.7
8.07	Osprey Comms	30			
3,102.90	Pearson	581	-23	3.4	16.2
85.20	Phonelink	240	-23		
72.80	Portsmth Sund	685	+4	2.3	12.5
38.80	Quarto	211		3.7	
4,363.20	Reed Intl	775	-3	3.5	
7,939.70	Reuters	479		2.7	22.8
55.00	Scot Radio	238	+9	2.8	16.8
211.10	Scot TV	437	+28	4.1	
29.40	SelecTV	27½			
47.40	Standwick	35		4.6	8.3
36.70	Southnews	237	+1	1.4	23.8
12.10	Sterling Pubt	28	-2	17.5	2.5
7.12	Sunset & Vine	125		4.0	10.9
78.50	Taylor Nelson	38	+½	2.2	
578.40	Telegraph	436	+2	3.8	18.1
4,581.00	Thomson Corp	785		5.1	38.8
234.60	Trinity Intl	342	-9	4.0	
70.20	Ulster TV	668	+34	3.8	
1,271.40	Utd Nwspaps	528	+7	5.7	12.8
9.88	VTR	95		5.3	10.2
5.97	WMGO	9		14.7	4.2
734.99	WPP	102	-2	1.4	12.8
208.30	Yorkshire TV	410	+29	1.2	

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.21	Alex Corp	95		3.9	7.6
948.49	Ang Am Coal	3766½		2.4	20.7
7,787.70	Ang Am	3345½	-59½	2.1	31.7
1,323.18	Ang Am Gold	5478½	+112½	4.8	15.0
17.80	Anglo Pac Res	23			
1,274.90	Ashanti	1518½	+118½	1.0	18.7
265.70	Ashton	65	-5	5.2	
41.30	Batavia	164	+5		
337.20	Beatrix	359½	-8	5.3	19.0
3.04	Bisichi	29		2.9	25.0
25.08	Blyvoors	104½	+4		
116.30	Bougainville	29	-1		
1.89	Bracken	13½	-½	6.4	
49.80	Buffels	452½	+1½	11.6	
4.19	Buts	1½			
4,776.60	CRA	801	-9	3.4	19.8
47.10	Central Pacific	47	+1		
33.40	Chill Res	46	+1½		
85.50	Coal Inv	95	+3		
11.00	Cons Murchison	176	-4	3.4	4.9
5,798.10	De Beers	1525	+25	3.4	
64.20	Deelkraal	64½	-1½	6.3	5.9
16.90	Doornfontein	42½	-2½		
1,600.80	Driefontein	828½	+5	5.4	11.6
13.20	Durban	568	-28½		
64.50	E Rand Gold	140½	-2½	14.0	4.7
86.80	E Rand Prop	73	-5		
53.50	Eastern Trans	62		3.6	15.4
290.20	Elandsrand	299½	-6½	3.7	8.9
1,096.40	Eng China Clt	359	+1	5.7	17.5
908.60	FS Cons	763½	+37½	7.3	9.8
8.45	FS Dev	38		3.2	
1,808.70	GFSA	1682½	+58½	2.8	18.9
448.80	GM Kalgoorli	47	-1	2.9	18.3
2,957.00	Gencor	215	+7½	1.5	21.7
15.90	Gold Fields Prop	147		7.0	
17.80	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+½		
16.60	Grootvlei	145½	-3½	6.9	8.5
83.60	Gwalia Cons	81	+7	1.1	10.3
140.80	Harmony	523½	-5½		
286.80	Hartes	238½	+8½	10.7	7.8
868.70	Impala Plat	1375	+58½	1.8	42.5
108.60	Kidston	87	+2	13.8	7.9
135.40	Kinross	753½		8.7	7.7
987.90	Kloof	698½	+15½	5.0	6.6
14.50	Leslie	93½	-2	11.0	5.7
29.10	Loraine	178	-13½		
12.00	Medallistara	14	-1		
0.80	Minorgura	3			
1,274.00	MIM	88½	-3	2.8	
3,689.50	Minorco	1637½	+137½	2.5	
75.80	Monarch	140	+11		
33.40	NSM	11			9.3
287.70	Nth Brkn Hill	134	-6	3.7	28.8
12.30	Oryx Gold	50			
175.40	Palcontinent	79	+2		
32.30	Pan Mining	168	-2	1.2	
773.70	Placer Pac	124	-12		
617.50	RJB	356	+15	4.4	
6,657.30	RTZ	802	+24	3.6	15.3
4.51	Rayrock	28			
372.80	Rand Mines	625	-12½	1.7	57.8
241.80	Randfontein	385½	-16½	11.9	5.2
357.80	Renison	185	-7		
1,702.30	Rustenburg	1359½	-40½	2.2	33.2
189.10	St Barbara	52	+2	2.6	13.7
55.80	St Helena	579½	+22½	10.2	
180.30	Sons Gwalia	253	+8	4.4	17.3
47.30	Sthern Pacific	17	-1		
381.10	Southvaal	1463½	-15½	5.3	18.6
12.40	Stilfontein	95½	-8½	24.4	2.9
38.03	Unisel	135½	-8½	7.0	6.5
836.10	Vaal Reefs	4375	+106½	4.9	7.3
9.12	Welkom Col Z	8	+1	13.8	2.1
11.00	Water Hall	1½			
98.10	Watts Blake	474		3.3	17.9
558.00	Western Deep	1596½	+81½	4.3	7.3
3,338.10	Western Ming	302	-11	1.8	32.9
71.00	Winkels	884½	-21½	8.2	8.1
47.80	Zambia Copper	39			
56.00	Zandpan	43		9.9	10.1

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
120.30	Aran Energy	46	+½		
16.10	Arcoal Intl	28			
	Arc Oil & Gas	45	-½		
17.30	Aviva Pet	56			
120.20	Br Borneo	267	-2	3.6	
12,488.50	British Gas	286½	-6½	6.5	16.8
23,663.60	Br Petroleum	429	+4½	3.1	15.2
16.90	Bula Resources	2½			
1,748.00	Burmah Castrl	874	+3	3.9	17.4
49.90	Cairn Energy	77			
446.50	Calor Gp	265	+4	6.0	
175.50	Clyde Pet	43	+1½	2.9	
12.80	Coplex Res	7½	+1½		
38.50	Dragon Oil	2	+½		
6.44	Edin Oil & Gs	18½	-1½		
1,928.60	Enterprise	392		5.1	70.3
59.10	Flogas	240		6.7	6.9
61.20	Fortune	5½	+½		36.7
84.50	Goal Pet	63	-1	3.0	
32.80	Gt Western Res	29			
187.60	Hardy O & G	166	+2	0.8	21.2
75.90	Intl Energy	49	-3	3.4	19.7
1,563.90	Lasmo	162	+1	0.8	
2.48	Lasmo Unitst	35		29.6	
412.70	Midmoral	62	+½		
7.62	New London	5	-½		
5,263.60	Norsk Hydro	2296½	-6½	1.9	
4.86	Oceanics	3½	-½		
116.30	Oil Search	38	-2		
	Petroc	31			
251.40	Premier	24½	+½		
3.31	Presidio	13	-30		
42.60	Pravcenol Rs	74	+4		
60.20	Ramco Egy	315	+19	0.2	
401.70	Ranger	408	-7	4.8	
40,132.70	Royal Dtch Fl	7484½	+196½	4.7	
8,816.80	Schlumberger	3621½	-34½	2.0	
4.84	Scott Pickford	40		2.8	7.7
48.80	Seafield	95	+5		
23,503.30	Shell	709	+4	4.8	
3.40	Sovree Exp Se	#116			
8,604.30	Total	3803½	+190½	4.0	
11.20	Wiles Gp	9½			
1,606.70	Wonkside	241	-5	1.5	
92.80	XCL	49	-2		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
18.60	BWD	96½	+11½	5.4	9.3
39.00	Baltic Plct	129		2.9	
3.56	Berry Birch Nbl	35	-2	11.6	8.3
90.30	Bodec Inv	152	-1		



PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
240.50	Brit Biotech	488	+2		
15.60	Cantab Pharm	158	-5		
300.50	Celltech	282	+12		
63.00	Chiroscience	122	+2		
13.19	Cortecs	35	+4		
1,230.20	Fisons	178	+12	3.1	
24,498.20	Glaxo	706	-3	5.6	17.9
82.70	Scampton Hdg	119	+2	6.3	
587.10	Medeva	205	-19½	2.0	14.0
2.82	Premier Health	1			
22.20	Quality Care	230		2.4	11.4
236.40	Scotia	360	+4		
6.52	Shield Diag	34	-6		
6,598.40	SmithKline	478	-36½	3.4	
5,900.90	SmKline Unt	455	-42½	3.5	
8,226.00	Wellcome	1052	-1	2.7	22.8
8,230.20	Zeneca	870	-20	4.1	19.8

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.60	AG Holdings	131	+9	5.2	12.4
88.50	API	418	+4	2.7	19.9
2,085.90	Arjo Wiggins	255	+8	3.8	14.2
22.40	Aspen Comms	185		4.1	
110.70	Beroese	348	-2	4.4	12.5
2,249.50	Bowater	449	+18	3.8	14.0
845.50	Bowater Inct	2309½	+221½		
77.50	Bowsons Ind	282		1.8	17.2
158.90	Br Polythene	528	+2	3.3	
4.83	Br Thornton	30	+2	8.3	2.6
183.20	Bristen Grit	133	-3	2.3	
749.20	Bunzl	178	+3½	3.6	14.6
43.40	Capital Inds	158	+7	3.2	
1,827.20	Carnaud Mb	2265½	-37½	2.5	
19.80	Cropper (James)	238	-13	1.8	12.5
1,644.30	De La Rue	888	-12	3.0	15.8
4.82	Delyn Group	56		3.7	10.2
22.50	Dolphin Pack	98		5.9	12.3
27.40	Fairway Group	84	+2	5.4	22.7
133.80	Ferguson Intl	332	+2	4.6	13.3
13.99	Ferry Pickg	104		7.8	
1.01	Heatherpint	1½			
82.00	Inveresk	152	+3	4.5	
121.00	Jarvis Porter	259		2.6	16.9
428.00	Low & Bonar	435	+6½	3.3	14.6
70.30	MY Holdings	52	-1	4.1	12.5
192.60	Macfarlane	239	+9	2.5	
17.10	Photobition	165	+12	4.5	12.0
90.00	Plysu	189	+3	4.6	30.8
332.30	St Ives Gp	335	+1	2.4	18.2
1,705.50	Sappi	1135½	-17½	0.5	
3.57	Seff	7½	-½		
96.00	Sidlaw	140	-5	9.8	
877.70	Smith David	563	+14	2.7	17.1
1,973.50	Smurfit (Jeff)	367	+7	1.5	52.4
1.88	Stonec	94		3.7	10.0
5.45	Unit Group▲	33	-2		
174.30	Waco	222	-18	3.0	
201.20	Waddington (J)	194	-1	5.6	63.3
247.80	Watmough	388	+4	2.7	
31.10	Wyndeham	138		2.8	17.6

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
52.20	Allied Lon	75	+1	6.5	9.6
142.70	Argent	280			
9.86	Arlestan Ests	74	+4		
87.40	Asda	111	+5	2.7	
201.30	Bilton	229	+5	5.3	16.5
86.60	Birkby	184		4.6	18.0
5.28	Bolton Gp	19			
33.50	Bourne End	55	+5	2.5	
261.30	Bradford	179	-4	4.7	15.1
7.98	Brightstone	114		4.0	
1,159.30	Br Land	377	+1	2.6	35.8
424.10	Brixton	182	+2	5.9	16.5
284.30	Burford	99	+1	2.2	26.2
99.60	CLS Hldgs	100½	+1½	8.1	
62.60	Cap & Regnl	138		1.4	31.2
731.60	Cap Shop Cent	301	+2	4.4	
4.74	Cardiff Prop	158		2.7	26.1
54.80	Calley Inll	15½			
285.30	Chelsfield	158	+1	3.0	50.9
87.40	Chesterfield	446		3.3	20.0
40.70	Chesterton Intl	72		5.1	12.2
7.86	City Site Ests	48			10.7
11.80	Clarke Nickolls	7	-½	3.6	
5.82	Conspic	70		7.1	6.2
26.36	Conrad Ritbl 6S	22	+1	3.7	25.8
194.00	Daejan	1190	+5	3.9	12.3
15.70	Dares Estates	4½	+1		
2.60	De Morgan	#5½			
29.20	Debenham Tews	69	-1	6.3	10.8
24.20	Denose	157		2.6	44.1
74.00	Derwent Hldgst	238	+3½	2.6	
45.00	Development Sec	15½		0.8	
20.50	Dwyer	99		2.3	18.9
8.17	Ebco	27½			
28.40	Estates Agency	338		5.0	
3.98	Estates Gen	18½	+½		
118.80	Evans Of Leeds	88	-5	3.7	14.8
20.10	Ex-Lands	23½		2.2	32.2
39.20	Fiscal Prop	69	+1	1.1	
30.20	Five Oaks	24½		2.6	10.3
1.83	Fletcher Ring	21		8.9	10.4
4.57	Fetters Group	41	-1	4.6	
8.44	Fetters Group Wt	35	-2½	5.4	19.9
220.10	Freemow	435	+1	5.0	15.6
61.20	Gallagan	255		4.1	14.1
559.80	Gt Portland	173		5.9	29.6
156.60	Greycoat	122		0.8	
180.40	Hambro Calywr	30½		0.2	
939.90	Hammerson	332	+13	3.8	22.8
50.20	Hellcal Bar	308	+2	2.5	11.1
20.50	Hemingway	24	+1	2.1	14.0
1.68	Heirlgs Baker	10	-4	12.5	
2.00	High-Point	40	-3	3.1	
3,591.70	HK Land	133½	-1½	5.3	
15.70	Jermyn	157	-1	0.4	
3,029.40	Land Sec	594		5.1	17.0
33.00	London Indl	311		4.8	17.1
22.40	Lon & Assoc	30½	+½	2.6	20.6
3.19	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
220.90	Lon Merch Sec	99½	-2½	5.8	15.0
1,615.80	MEPC	397	+11	6.3	23.2
3.81	Mclnerney A	6			
32.10	McKay Secs	134		4.9	12.8
10.50	Merivale Mrof	82		6.6	7.5
18.10	Moorfield Estt	27	-1½	4.6	12.7
44.70	Mountview	975	+84½	2.9	7.5
121.00	Muckow (A&J)	124	-3	6.6	15.8
8.94	ORB	4½			1.0
12.90	Olives Prop	25	+1		9.3
160.80	PSIT	132	+1	4.6	17.6
188.60	Peel	238		2.6	31.9
178.90	Piller Prop	158	-2	2.9	
2.03	Power Corp	1½			
11.40	Premier Land	4½			16.6
13.19	RPS Groupt	86	+1½	4.2	12.8
48.40	Raglan	28	-2		6.8
24.00	Regalian	20½	-1		6.0
12.50	Rowlinson Secs	100	-10	2.3	7.1
17.80	Rugby Est	99		2.8	3.8
55.10	St Modwen Prpt	47	+1	4.3	9.4
56.50	Saville Grdn (J)	55	-2	6.4	13.1
18.30	Savills	47½	+3½	5.9	7.7
94.00	Scot Met	72	+4½	4.4	12.4
43.80	Slatesbury	99		1.4	19.7
847.00	Slough Estates	217	-2	4.8	23.3
5.30	Southend Prop	42		7.3	
23.28	Specty Shops	105	-1	2.8	
9.86	Stanbope Prps	#6			
64.60	TBI	39½	-1½		1.8
75.00	Tops Ests	162	-2	1.7	41.3
126.20	Town Centre	98	+1	4.9	17.3
57.80	Trafford Park	85		4.8	13.7
13.30	Tranchemount	18	-1		6.3
4.32	UK Land	45			
97.70	Warnert	201		7.1	18.6
88.30	Wamford	280		4.2	19.8
130.90	Wates	60	+1		
1.65	Whinney Mck	25			
3.69	Wood John D	45	+2	5.6	9.7
0.86	YBM	6½	-2½		

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,152.50	ASDA Group	74½	+½	3.1	17.0
3,248.00	Argyll	282	+2	5.1	12.2
269.70	Booker Bros	522	+26	1.7	
56.10	Budgent	34½		3.6	20.8
3.38	Collins	12½			
1,344.10	Dairy Farm Intl	78½	-2½	3.4	
80.00	Farepak	345	-2	2.5	17.8
121.20	Fitzwilton	48	+10		
287.60	Fyffest	102	+1	1.9	14.6
117.90	Geest	163	-3	6.4	12.5
131.30	Greggs	1143	+1	2.5	
465.60	Iceland Group	176	+13	3.0	10.3
839.00	Kwik Save	542	+9	4.4	9.8
8.93	Merchant Retail	18½			
896.60	Morrison (W)	138	-3	1.1	13.8
235.90	Nurdin & Peacock	185	+14	4.5	10.2
166.30	Park Foods	106	-2	3.0	9.8
2.45	Regina Hldt	1½			
7,717.60	Sainsbury J	427	+2	3.2	15.1
5,497.50	Tesco	207	+4	3.7	13.4
99.00	Thornbons	154		4.0	12.5
160.20	Watsons Philip	376	+7	5.1	14.1

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
14.90	Alexon	26	+4		
227.90	Allders	221	+4	3.8	12.6
1,192.00	Argos Plct	394	-½	3.3	17.7
152.70	Ashley (Laura)	65	+2	0.2	
68.90	Aspray	76	-9	10.0	8.3
83.70	Austin Reed	206		3.3	19.3
59.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	125		6.2	15.3
47.80	Bentalls	114		2.2	39.5
40.20	Bestwater	39	-½	9.8	4.2
9.54	Blacks Leis	30		9.4	
328.40	Body Shop	173	-8	1.6	15.2
4,830.40	Boots	509	-12	3.8	16.2
18.00	Brown & Jackson	2½	+½		
318.80	Brown (N)	217	-2	2.4	19.3
1,070.30	Burton	76½	-1½	3.3	37.1
15.60	Cantors	183		4.9	14.7
212.70	Carpetright	277	+8	3.7	19.7
326.10	Chapes Int	145	+10	1.8	
49.10	Church	455	-4½	3.8	
12.60	Clinton Cards	74		8.8	
18.50	City Centre	97		5.5	27.8
187.40	Coats Furnishg	765	-3	1.0	58.9
3.12	Crown Eye	195		6.4	8.1
256.60	DFS Furniture	246		3.7	18.5
315.40	Dixons Grp	230	+8	3.6	24.4
6.96	Ews (Wmblds)	588		3.8	27.2
31.00	Brown Dolphin	149	+9	4.2	11.4
531.80	Caledonia	640	+2	3.2	17.5
57.20	Caradia	2590½	-9½	1.8	6.1
27.00	Carslet	17	+½	3.7	
149.60	Cater Allen	459		7.7	9.5
218.90	Cattles	161	+2	4.6	
8.11	Christie	28			57.5
6.79	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
36.40	EFT Group	73	+2	3.0	
135.40	EFMT	714	+1	4.2	
308.20	Exco	189	-½	4.5	
359.70	Garnmore	178½	+4	3.9	15.0
202.60	Gerrard Ntl	416	-3	7.2	12.0
182.00	Govett	288	-1	6.9	4.4
221.40	Henderson Ad	1025	+12	3.5	14.2
483.90	Invesco	184	+9	2.8	
13.00	Investment Co	47	+1	4.7	15.0
58.70	Ivory Sime	303		4.8	15.8
2,175.10	Jardine Strat	230½	-2½	3.5	9.6
17.10	Johnson Fry	114	-3	2.2	
15.80	King Shaxson	91	+4	12.4	9.0
180.40	Lon Forfaiting	158	+4	7.4	13.7
70.40	Lon Scot Bk	116		4.4	15.2
758.90	M & G	1029	+12	3.7	17.8
839.50	MAM	256½	+4½	3.8	12.9
	MAM 5.8% Cv Pf	100	+3½		
1,388.20	MAM	733	-2	3.6	17.5
93.10	Nat Home Loan	106	+½		9.7
385.80	Perpetual	1378	+10	3.2	14.8
738.80	Provident	551	+1	4.7	13.6
89.00	Rathbone Bro	355	+5	3.9	
68.10	Rothschild Tst	27½	+2	4.7	
34.60	S & U	283	-8	4.7	9.5
35.00	Shandon	207	+28	5.4	7.7
306.90	SJP Capital	112	-2	3.3	7.9
306.20	Smith New Crt	463	-19	2.8	5.2
11.40	Trinity Last	74		7.8	17.6
19.60	Tilbs Hldgs	37½		0.5	38.6
23.10	Unilost	87	+5	4.3	
3.30	Western Selecln	22		1.4	
10.70	ERA Gp	8½			
11.70	Essex Furnt	102	-3	3.6	11.3
127.90	Etam	155	+1	4.9	10.8
270.20	Fine Art Dev	320	+1	5.3	18.5
2.62	Fired Earth	46	+3		
16.70	Flying Flowers	82	-2	3.6	12.0
50.80	French Conn	282	+2		11.9
183.30	Frost Group	238	+7	3.7	
11.20	Gieves	48		3.8	17.6
25.00	Goldsmiths Gp	114	-3	2.1	20.4
5,648.70	GUS	561	-9	3.8	16.1
43.80	Hamleys	192		4.7	
7.20	Hampden Grp	48	+4	3.2	
365.10	Hse of Fraser	159	-8	3.8	14.3
17.10	Hughes (LR)	83		3.8	13.6
75.90	JJB Sports	253	+5	3.0	15.5
3,081.60	Kingfisher	462	-3	4.2	17.5
13.50	Klensnert	87	+2	1.9	27.9
53.30	Liberty	398		2.5	
228.40	Lloyds Chemt	186	-12	6.4	6.1
681.20	MFI	117	+1	4.5	14.6
11,551.00	Marks Spencer	417	+2½	2.8	18.5
282.40	Menzies (John)	588	-3	3.0	12.0
58.30	Moss Bros	349	+3	3.0	13.8
1,096.40	Next	293	+15	3.9	15.1
1.83	OEM	31	+1		
22.60	Oliver (G)	89½		1.4	14.5
18.80	Partridge-Fine	84	-2	4.9	8.4
43.80	QS Hldgs	111	-4	6.0	
19.10	Ross Grp▲	7½	-½		
23.30	Readys	116		2.4	
1,584.20	Sears	104½	+1½	4.5	17.7
48.40	Signet Group	18½	-½		5.7
1,148.70	Smith WH	412	-15	4.7	21.2
254.60	Sotheby	750	+17	3.4	30.4
954.60	Storehouse	238	+2	3.7	18.9
52.10	Stylo	179	+8	1.9	12.5
100.40	T & S Stores	155	+6	5.4	
58.10	Tie Rack	115	+11	1.9	13.7
6.60	Upton & South	4½			
327.10	Vendome	488	+3	2.1	36.0
36.40	WEW Group	25	-1	3.5	21.1
7.26	Wnd of Leather	60		5.2	
62.80	Wyevale	164	+1	3.7	

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,448.70	Allied Domecq	529	-8½	5.4	14.3
214.00	Bulmer (HP)	405		3.4	21.9
62.30	Buss Stewart	105	-3	6.1	21.3
8,344.00	Grand Metr	400	+5	4.4	18.0
9,489.50	Guinness	465	+12	3.8	14.3
308.80	Highland Dist	363	-2	2.4	17.5
220.70	Macallan-Glen	189		0.8	
86.90	Morlin Mrlp 'A'	630	-10	2.0	27.1
254.20	Matthew Clark	554	+5	4.2	25.4
4.58	Morphel JP	78	-5	4.0	
149.50	Trusion Order	138½	+½	6.2	16.9

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
184.20	ACT Group	110	+3½	6.0	11.6
1,006.70	ADT	725	+30		
15.40	Alphanumeric	32	+2		28.2
71.20	Auto Sec	59½	-1½		
1,014.50	BET Grd	109½	+1½	4.0	15.5
33.00	BMB Res	154	-1	4.6	
64.20	BPP	244	-3	4.9	
42.70	BSM	153	-2½	5.3	
24.60	Black & Edg	4½	+1		
198.80	Borland	700	+12½		
28.10	Brit Data Mgmt	115	+2	5.8	8.1
7.56	Brooks Service	83		3.5	
59.20	CRT Gp	68	+2	4.8	21.8
81.10	Capita Group	148	+1	2.8	
847.50	Chubb Sec	303	-9	2.7	17.6
57.10	Comple People	234		1.6	
41.30	Corp Services	74	+1	3.4	
17.40	Coulls Coolig	52		3.6	
217.10	Davis Service	212	+2	5.1	
8.40	Dudley Jenkot	70		6.0	13.3
12.60	EW Fuel	88	-2	9.3	
36.90	El Data Proj	141	+3	1.8	13.8
1,235.50	Hays	304	+4	2.7	18.0
107.40	Hogg Robinsn	154½	+9½	5.9	9.9
9.04	Intl Con & Data	14	+3½		7.1
426.10	ISS B DKr	1640½	-103½	1.5	
54.57	JBA Hldgs	165	+1	1.8	16.8
129.50	Johnson Cleant	244	+2	5.5	
18.70	Kalamazoo	98	+3	4.4	11.1
32.50	Kewill Sys	269	+1	3.5	9.9
3.74	Laser-Scan	17	-1		
25.70	LBMS	118			
30.00	Lep	3½	-½		
208.80	Logica	325	-1	2.1	17.5
81.00	MDIS	81		9.6	
21.30	MMT Comp	188		3.5	14.9
58.60	MR Data Mngt	185	-6	6.6	13.8
85.30	Macro 4	333		6.5	11.1
1,461.80	Manpower	1985½	-43½	0.2	
101.40	Micro Focus	704	-1		22.0
42.90	Microgen	109	+5	8.3	11.8
169.00	Misys	355	+5	3.0	11.1
53.29	MITIE Gp	212	+7	1.5	21.5
13.60	Novo Group	25		1.0	9.6
6.90	OIS Intl	23	+1	10.3	4.9
7.88	Dibis	21		3.7	
68.60	P & P	88	+4½	3.7	10.8
69.50	Michael Page	185		5.3	
46.80	Parity	112	-2	2.0	
6.88	Pegasus	138		4.8	
5.22	Penna	85		5.3	
50.88	Procedent	64	+4	6.1	
28.40	RCO	265		7.5	9.6
6.17	Rediust	33	-1	4.0	11.5
11.50	Real Time	164	-6	3.0	12.5
63.50	Reed Executive	124	-3	1.0	
32.95	Reliance Sec	146	+1	4.3	22.2
2,376.50	Rentokil	243	+3	1.8	30.5
62.30	Ricardo Group	141		5.3	17.6
19.50	Rolfe & Nolan	180	-4	3.1	25.5
18.30	Sage Gp	730	+8	1.7	17.2
722.90	Salvesen (C)	249	+12	4.1	12.9
34.00	Sanderson Elec	86		4.1	12.5
73.70	Select App	13			
357.70	Serco Gp	885		1.3	
147.40	Serco Grp	249	-3	2.0	
70.30	Servicair	175	+1	2.8	
6.87	Shared Corp	138	+7	1.6	
53.80	Sketchley	84	-1	4.8	14.1
39.90	Sol-Plus	165½	-½	6.6	
25.00	Unipoint	122	+4		
18.10	Vistec	15½	+1½	3.2	8.4
9.59	WSP Hldgs	41		8.1	
61.90	Warner Howard	260		3.8	12.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24,374.90	BT	391	+5½	5.5	16.2
8,512.70	Cable Wireless	388	-2	2.7	15.9
189.10	Filtronic Com	260	-7	0.4	53.8
62.40	Securicor	1500		0.2	34.3
748.40	Securicor 'A'	924	+6	0.5	21.1
872.50	Security Servt	766	+2	1.8	22.2
1,450.40	Telewest	171			
6,648.30	Vodafone	198½	-8	1.3	25.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.55	Albion	67	-1	6.0	3.6
38.70	Allenda W	117½	+½	6.2	12.5
159.60	Allied Textr	229	+1½	4.0	8.5
2.41	Atkins	73		13.9	23.2
1.77	Automagic	31			7.8
269.80	Baird (Wm)	224	+3	5.4	
5.04	Beckman (A)	42		10.7	28.8
127.50	Black (Peter)	231	-1	2.5	13.5
11.20	Bridgen Sndy	112		3.5	13.0
25.30	Br Mohair	180	+½	5.9	
2.60	Campari	#25			
3.74	Cassidy Brost	68		5.1	8.7
77.90	Chamb Phipps	174		5.2	22.9
168.10	Claremont Gar	309	+10	3.8	
1,373.10	Coats Viyella	197	+4	5.5	25.6
486.30	Courtalds Textt	481	+16	4.1	14.1
224.70	Dawson	115	+15½	3.3	
179.60	Dewhirst (JJ)	141	-½	1.5	19.9
4.20	Dixon Heal	25	+1	5.0	10.2
5.68	Drummond	32	+5		14.4
1.91	Ebbet	15	-1		
7.37	Fargel	63	-1	9.7	18.2
52.30	FH	348	+10	5.3	26.4
16.54	Fornilester	150		2.8	12.6
2.13	Foster (John)	18	+1		
10.50	French	88	+2	5.1	13.1
35.10	Gent SR	87	-1	3.9	21.6
19.70	Haggas	80		4.2	12.4
32.40	Harstons	10	+½	4.0	
43.50	Helene Plc	22		11.4	8.1
51.70	Hicking Pntcst	222	-3	2.8	15.7
31.10	Hollas	33½	+½	3.2	
4.54	Honeysuckle	54		6.8	6.3
45.30	Horace Small▲	132	+8		18.8
19.70	Jacques Vert	207		3.2	8.6
4.28	Jerome (S)	57		1.8	7.2
58.50	Jones Stroud	338	+8	3.3	16.4
15.50	Lambert	123	+2½	7.2	
108.80	Lamont	335	+27	4.9	
72.80	Leeds	246	-3	3.2	12.8
24.19	Leslie Wise Gpt	69½	+1½	7.6	12.5
4.61	Lyles (S)	64		4.9	7.2
44.80	Malling	25½	+½	3.2	
1.92	PEX	10			
12.10	Parkland	136	-8	4.8	8.1
419.80	Pentland	118	+2	3.4	17.4
13.70	Pitards	63	-2	4.0	8.4
116.90	Readicut	60	+1	7.2	10.1
9.97	Richmore	63½	+1½	5.5	6.7
11.70	Richards	50		5.0	
2.64	SEET	65	-3		
88.69	Shenwood Gp	78	+1	4.8	9.2
7.54	Shiloh	130		3.4	7.9
48.08	Sirdar	81	+3½	7.5	12.8
46.70	Stirling Gp	63½	+1½	4.6	14.8
27.30	Strong & Fisher	16		8.3	
13.98	UK Shoe	38	+1	9.4	
9.38	Usher (Frank)	138	-1	7.4	8.0
10.10	Wensum	135		2.7	19.7
25.60	Yorklyde	256	-2	3.0	11.7

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.81	Air London	63	-2	6.8	12.0
9,636.70	All Nippon Air	668	-16½	0.3	
1,852.20	Assoc Br Ports	278	-6	2.5	17.7
4,836.70	BAA	470½	-6½	2.5	18.0
171.00	Bergesen	135	+2½	4.3	12.4
3,905.90	Br Airways	409	+8	3.5	10.1
35.40	Central Trns R	32			
24.40	Clarkson (H)	109	+7	2.3	
23.20	Dart	149	+4	3.3	14.4
1,079.90	Eurotunnel Uts	349	+6		
14.50	Fisher (James)	88	+8	2.1	
140.40	Forth Ports	468	+25	2.7	
97.80	GRT Bus	256		1.9	19.8
64.28	Go-Ahead	176		2.8	18.0
114.10	Goode Durrant	212	-1	3.7	16.8
33.90	Isle Steam	113	-14	3.8	
33.60	Jacobs (JI)	58	+2½	2.2	
51.20	Lon O'Seas Frgt	79		6.6	1.7
354.00	Mersey Docks	398	+18	3.3	
1,158.70	NFC	186		5.4	16.9
126.80	Nat Express	#317		3.5	
488.80	Ocean Group	313	+14	5.9	
29.40	Ocean Wilson	74	+1	5.4	10.7
3,575.80	P & O Dfd	593	+8	6.6	15.3
126.00	P & O 5.5%	190	+5	3.6	
22.30	Seacont	90	+3	3.3	46.5
316.70	Stagecoach	212	-2	2.5	21.1
483.20	TNT	81	-4		
279.50	Tibbet & Britn	630	+65	3.3	
308.70	TDG	208	+1	6.7	14.6
28.30	Uniland	117	-1	2.6	
35.30	Utd Carriers	164	+1	6.1	

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,419.30	Anglian	479	+4	6.1	10.8
59.20	Mid Kent Hdgs	346		4.3	11.2
2,058.80	North West	549	+14	5.4	7.9
589.20	Northumbrian	640	+8	3.6	8.1
1,855.50	Severn Trent	514	+1	5.7	8.6
123.20	South Staffs	2125	+27	3.2	12.8
619.90	South West	492	-4	6.7	7.3
858.20	Southern	586	+11	5.8	6.2
1,524.00	Thames	491	-14	6.1	7.5
881.70	Welsh	612	+8	5.4	6.7
899.90	Wessex	273	-3	5.5	7.2
1,085.20	Yorkshire	526	+11	5.6	7.7

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	99⅛		3.01	5.68
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101½	-⅛	10.13	6.42
640	Treas 12¾% 1995	103⅝	-⅛	12.29	6.50
770	Treas 14% 1996	105⅝	-⅛	13.25	6.79
1,250	Treas 15¼% 1996	108⅝	-⅛	14.05	6.94
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	106⅝	-⅛	12.44	7.13
3,400	Conv 10% 1996	103⅝	-⅛	9.65	7.56
1,999	Treas 7% 1997	98⅛	-⅛	7.13	7.87
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	109⅝	-⅛	12.14	7.71
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	102⅝	-⅛	10.03	7.80
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅝	-⅛	8.62	8.01
830	Exch 15% 1997	115⅝	-⅛	12.96	8.09
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅝	-⅛	9.39	8.21
2,750	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅝	-⅛	7.44	8.21
1,250	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅝	-⅛	7.02	8.27
970	Treas 15½% 1998	115⅝	-⅛	12.15	8.37
825	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅝	-⅛	12.75	8.26
3,900	Exch 12% 1998	111⅝	-⅛	10.80	8.37
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅝	-⅛	9.17	8.35
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅝	-⅛	10.87	8.41
1,250	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅝	-⅛	9.80	8.40
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	91⅝	-⅛	6.55	8.35
1,778	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅝	-⅛	9.61	8.47
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,352	Conv 9% 2000	102⅝	-⅛		8.42
2,800	Treas 8% 2000	97⅝	-⅛	8.15	8.38
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119⅝	-⅛	10.96	8.54
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	106⅝	-⅛	9.39	8.56
7,250	Treas 7% 2001	92⅝	-⅛	7.56	8.51
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	106⅝	-⅛	9.13	8.61
8,250	Treas 8% 2002	96⅝	-⅛	8.28	8.56
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	107⅝	-⅛	9.29	8.63
1,500	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅝	-⅛	10.21	8.71
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75⅝	-⅛	4.66	7.25
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	105⅝	-⅛	8.90	8.60
6,532	Treas 6¾% 2004	88⅝	-⅛	7.64	
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	99⅝	-⅛	8.51	8.49
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅝	-⅛	8.97	8.56
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121⅝	-⅛	10.25	8.80
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	94⅝	-⅛	8.22	8.51
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	95⅝	-⅛	8.36	8.57
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116⅝	-⅛	10.11	8.81
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅝	-⅛	8.52	8.51
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129⅝	-⅛	10.50	8.89
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	103⅝	-⅛	8.67	8.50
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	95⅝	-⅛	8.35	8.50
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	81⅝	-⅛	7.71	8.43
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	104⅝	-1	8.64	8.51
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	104⅝	-1⅛	8.62	8.59
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅝	-⅛	7.37	8.26
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	95⅝	-1⅛	8.37	8.46
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	-1⅛	8.33	8.47
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	103⅝	-1⅛	8.46	8.43
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅝	-1⅛	9.19	8.66
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41⅝	-⅛	8.41	
475	Treas 2½%	29⅝	+⅛	8.57	
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	200⅝	+⅛	1.62	3.38
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅝	+⅛	2.73	3.65
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168⅝	+⅛	3.41	3.85
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅝	-⅛	3.50	3.86
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109⅝	-⅛	3.54	3.87
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	171⅝	-⅛	3.58	3.84
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154⅝	-⅛	3.63	3.86
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160⅝	-⅛	3.66	3.86
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131⅝	-⅛	3.69	3.85
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140⅝	-⅛	3.71	3.87
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	134⅝	-⅛	3.74	3.88
2,450	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111⅝	-⅛	3.73	3.86
	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110⅝	-⅛	3.75	3.89



Fraud investigators go solo



Taking on the Big Six: David Lee, left, and Tim Allen

BY JON ASHWORTH

TWO of Britain's most respected fraud investigators have struck out on their own to challenge the might of the Big Six accountancy firms.

David Lee, 42, former head of special investigations at Price Waterhouse, and Tim Allen, 32, his former right-hand man, have set up their own practice, Lee & Allen, and hope to pick up assignments by playing on the conflicts of interest at the big firms.

Mr Lee, who spent two years with the Serious Fraud Office, and led the investigation into Maxwell Communication Corporation, said: "We saw the definite need for an independent seventh operator in this field. The Big Six have all sorts of potential conflicts of interest."

The collapse of Barings demonstrated the manner in which the big firms can find their hands tied. Coopers & Lybrand was auditor. Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse were tied up on the administration. KPMG is auditor to ING, which bought Barings, and Arthur Andersen is involved with the Bank of England inquiry.

Mr Allen said: "This is an enormous area. Something like Barings just expands the market terribly."

PowerGen revises incinerator plan

BY MARTIN WALLER

A WASTE FIRM and PowerGen, the smaller of the electricity generators, will resubmit joint plans soon for a £200m million power station beside the Thames in Kent that will produce energy by incinerating a third of London's household waste.

The plant, which would be Europe's biggest incinerator, was blocked by a public inquiry last year after complaints from local residents about pollution and the volume of traffic it would attract.

The site at Belvedere, Kent, is a former borax factory operated by RTZ. The proposed incinerator will produce 110,000 MW of electricity.

The firm behind the scheme, Cory Environmental, now says it has altered its plans sufficiently to overcome the locals' fears.

"There is a perception of incineration which is not good," admitted David Riddle, *managing director at Cory.* "But the site is a kilometre from the nearest housing and in a special industrial zone." He added that the latest incinerators were much cleaner than their predecessors built in the 1970s and meet stringent new EC pollution standards to be introduced next year.

The public inquiry rejected the earlier plans because the site was overdeveloped and local roads were too narrow. Cory, which is owned by the quoted Ocean Group, has since bought an adjacent stretch of land and improved local transport.

The new plans go to the Department of Trade and Industry this month.

PowerGen, through its combined heat and power offshoot, is effectively a consultant and has yet to decide whether it wants to be involved in building and operating the power station.

A total of 1.2 million tonnes of household waste is to be burnt at Belvedere. It will be collected from two local-authority refuse points at Wandsworth and Tower Hamlets and shipped down the Thames in one of Cory's distinctive lighters and tugs, whose orange containers are a frequent sight on the river.

Mr Riddle said the plant would take pressure off the company's Essex landfill sites, which will run out of space in the year 2002.

Cory currently ships 500,000 tonnes of London household waste down the Thames each year to Essex, but many industry experts believe that landfill will have to be phased out because of constraints on space.

Training scarce for directors

Fewer than a quarter of non-executive directors have had any formal training for their roles, yet most of them think training would improve their effectiveness on company boards, a report by the Institute of Management says.

Only 16 per cent of chairmen require directors to undertake formal training.

Failures fall

A report by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information service, shows that the number of small business bankruptcies fell to 5,800, from 7,300, in the first quarter this year. But there were wide variations across the country, and increases in bankruptcies were seen in Scotland, up 26.5 per cent, and London, 1.3 per cent.

Slowdown seen

The economy, which grew 4 per cent last year, will lose momentum this year, say two forecasts out today. Ernst & Young says that growth will decline to 3 per cent while inflation will rise to just over 3 per cent by next spring. NatWest Bank predicts that growth will slow to 2.6 per cent this year and sees inflation at 3.4 per cent next year.

Far East earnings should oil the wheels for Burmah

COMPANIES

BURMAH CASTROL: STRONG growth in America and the Far East, together with currency benefits, should combine to help the lubricants, fuels and chemicals group, where Jonathan Fry is chief executive, turn in a solid full-year performance.

The improvement in earnings seen in the first half *should have continued as* economic recovery sets in for most of the group's markets, including the Far East and emerging Asian markets, where it has significant exposure. Final net income, due today, is expected to rise to about £114 million, or £111 million (£81.3 million) on a published basis, according to *Paul Spedding at Kleinwort* Benson. Market forecasts range from £110 million to £116 million. A 29.5p (27.5p) payout is predicted, with half of the final as a foreign income dividend.

MORGAN CRUCIBLE: Steady growth in most product *areas should help the* speciality materials group to lift final pre-tax profits, due today, to about £73 million (£65 million), according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £68 million to £74 million. A dividend of 13p (12.6p) is predicted.

HIGHLAND DISTILLERIES: The Scotch whisky-maker, best known for The Famous Grouse brand, should please with another spirited performance at the interim stage, in spite of increased competition. NatWest Securities expects first half pre-tax profits, due today, to advance to £25.3 million (£23.4 million). Market forecasts range from £25 million to £27 million. A 1.9p (1.7p) dividend is predicted.

LAIRD GROUP: Recovery in the European motor industry should help the automotive components and building products group to lift final pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, to at least £46 million (£38.1 million), according to BZW. An 11.3p (10.7p) dividend is expected. Analysts await Laird's plans after it raised £68 million in November to diversify.

ALFRED MCALPINE: After mixed results from Britain's other construction companies, Alfred McAlpine is expected to paint a brighter picture on Thursday. Profits are expected to surge to £10.5 million (£1 million), according to NatWest Securities, with a dividend of 7p (6.5p). News is awaited on current trading and prospects after McAlpine recently reorganised by selling its quarry arm to Wimpey for £43.5 million.

PHILIP PANGALOS



A top-up is likely from Jonathan Fry, of Burmah Castrol

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

FINANCIAL markets must wait until Friday for the key economic indicator of the week, the US March employment figures, which are likely to guide the Federal Reserve's next interest rate move.

A higher than expected American growth figure for the final 1994 quarter upset the US bond market on Friday, sending shares tumbling, as fears were rekindled that the Fed could raise rates again.

The dollar is again expected to cause turmoil in the currency markets. Hopes of a more stable environment were dashed on Friday when markets ignored a German rate cut and pushed the dollar to new lows.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, meet on Wednesday. The City thinks they are unlikely to raise base rates immediately, given good underlying inflation, but will tighten this quarter.

UK manufacturing data for February, out Thursday, are expected to show output growth slowing to an annual 3.2 per cent, from 4.3 per cent. UK statistics on M0 are out today and on official reserves tomorrow. The monthly monetary report is on Wednesday.

COLIN NARBROUGH

SUNDAY TIPS

Sunday Times: Buy: Bardon, Vickers, Nurdin & Peacock, Princedale Group. Sell: Hickson. *Mail on Sunday:* Buy: Pressac, Finelist, Exco. Sell: Manganese Bronze.

CHANGE ON WEEK

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US dollar
1.6280 (+0.0333)
German mark
2.2271 (-0.0254)
Exchange Index
85.3 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT 30 share
2407.4 (-5.6)
FT-SE 100
3137.9 (-15.5)
New York Dow Jones
4157.69 (+19.02)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
16139.95 (+390.18)

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.14
Austria Sch	16.91	15.41
Belgium Fr	49.52	45.22
Canada $	2.352	2.192
Cyprus Cypr	0.761	0.706
Denmark Kr	9.54	8.74
Finland Mkk	7.80	6.95
France Fr	8.33	7.68
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	395.00	360.00
Hong Kong $	13.05	12.05
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2767	4.5267
Italy Lira	2855.00	2700.00
Japan Yen	157.50	141.50
Malta	0.606	0.551
Netherlds Gld	2.685	2.455
Norway Kr	10.65	9.65
Portugal Esc	249.00	230.50
S Africa Rd	nat	5.36
Spain Pta	215.80	200.00
Sweden Kr	12.58	11.78
Switzerland Fr	2.01	1.83
Turkey Lira	rate	64762.0
USA $	1.702	1.572

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

The 'feel-good' parallel

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The Conservative Party must, by now, be frustrated by the absence of the "feel-good factor" even *though the economy is in* good shape, unemployment is falling and inflation is being kept under control.

The gilt market is suffering the same malaise. The domestic economy has shown some improvement, but the improvement in gilt prices has been only gradual and halting. Ten-year yields have *found it difficult* to break below 8.4 per cent. Meanwhile, yield spreads of gilts over other leading bond markets have risen steadily.

The Tories may find it difficult to identify why improvement in the economy is not being translated into better poll figures. We do not have to look far, though, to *find* reasons for the lack of enthusiasm for gilts.

UK bonds have suffered because of sterling's fall. Overseas investors — significant buyers of gilts a couple of years ago — are also worried about the political uncertainty, and have been consistent net sellers since last spring. Partly because of this reduced demand, the Bank of England has lightened the funding burden on the overseas sector's preferred investment area of short-medium maturities.

The most recent four auctions have been for the ten-year or 20-year benchmark issues; the only five-year paper issued has been in the form of small tranches. Although the 1995-96 PSBR is expected to be rather less than that for 1994-95, this proportionate increase in long funding is helping to make the yield curve less inverted at distant maturities.

As well as underperforming European markets, gilts have also fared worse than US Treasury bonds. We consider the American economy to be stronger than commonly perceived. Already, retail sales appear to be bouncing back as the impact of delayed tax rebates this year kicks in. The *US is at that point in the* economic cycle at which inflation is likely to rise. There is a real danger of US bond yields moving upwards during the next few months. Unfortunately, gilts will not be able to resist being dragged the same way, especially as UK inflation will also rise further during the next half year.

We see American ten-year bond yields peaking at about 8 per cent this autumn, which would imply a gilt yield peak of about 9 per cent. Strong domestic buying interest *should be triggered at these* levels, enabling both markets to rally to the year end.

This would represent a total return for the year of roughly 10 per cent for most gilt maturities.

Next year may be a different *story for gilts, though,* with spreads of UK gilts over US and German bonds rising; UK inflation will accelerate and the political risk premium will grow. It is likely that the "feel-good factor" will remain as elusive for the gilt market as it is for the *Government.*

STEPHEN SCOTT
Kleinwort Benson

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Creston Land, Highland Distilleries, Pittancrieff. **Finals:** Auto Precision, Bemrose, Burmah Castrol, Carnas, Cassell, Caverdale, CLS, Delaney, Denstron, Fortune Oil, Headlam, London & Manchester, Morgan Crucible, Rademec, Reece, Simons & Co, Translec, United Inds, Whitchurch. **Economic statistics:** M0 (March).

TOMORROW

Interims: Allied London Properties, IAWS, Sunset & Vine. **Finals:** Argent, Beradin, Bozmore Int, Brooks Service Group, CLS Hldgs, Clinical Computing, Dagenham Motors, Home Counties Newspapers, JBA Hldgs, Malaye, Res Brothers, Stylo, Thailand Int Fund, Trafficmaster, United Friendly Group, Vymura. **Economic statistics:** UK official reserves (March), advance energy statistics (Feb), housing starts and completions (Feb).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: None scheduled. **Finals:** Aegis Group, David Brown Group, City Centre Restaurants, Clydeport, Co-operative Bank, Dolphin Packaging, Laird Group, Prime People, Rugby Estates, Sherwood Group. **Economic statistics:** Cyclical indicators (Feb), monthly monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Eddie George, Governor of Bank of England.

THURSDAY

Interims: James Dickie, TR Far East Income Trust, Wardle Storeys. **Finals:** Bostrom, Brammer, Culver Holdings, Eclipse Blinds, Ennemix, Kingspan Group, Alfred McAlpine, Quicks Group, Rap Group, Scholl, Swallowfield, Walker Greenbank, Watts Blake Bearne. **Economic statistics:** Index of production (February).

FRIDAY

Interims: None scheduled. **Finals:** Ben Bailey Construction, Middlesex Holdings, OIS International Inspection. **Economic statistics:** None scheduled.

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By Order of the Directors
J. C. Mitchell, Secretary
8th March 1995

Scottish Amicable

CHARITY COMMISSION Charities Administered by Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide (ICAN) The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be seen for the next month at ICAN, Barbican Chambers, 1-3 Dufferin Street, EC1Y 8NA, or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number MOT-221044A/1-COL600.

WILLIAM ASHWORTH DECEASED Date of Death: 25th February 1994 at Leeds Infirmary. Would any relative of the above named or of Francisco Winzinger contact Castle Sanderson Solicitors, 2 Queen Street, Leeds, no later than 30th April 1995.

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ASLESPORTH LIMITED - 9 Vere Street, London W1 - In Administrative Receivership - Registered Number: 2054278. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Messrs BDO Binder Hamlyn, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on Monday, 24 April 1995 at 1100 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented. Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at BDO Binder Hamlyn, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, not later than 1200 hrs on 21 April 1995 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there had been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. Malcolm Cohen, Joint Administrative Receiver.

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MRS JASWINDER KAUR wife of KULDIP SINGH SANGHERA whose permanent address in India is Sikgle, Jalandhar, Punjab, presently residing at 3 Ewarth Close, Grange Park, Swindon, Wiltshire, hereby give notice of my intention to change my name to Jaswinder Kaur Sanghera subject to the approval of the High Commission of India, India House, London WC2B 4NA.

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Chasing the last train to Middle England



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Nuclear Electric, the state generating company, has a good managerial case to be privatised. If new nuclear plants are to be built, they must be demonstrably commercial propositions. If not, Nuclear Electric needs to launch into other areas, in competition with private firms, if its organisation is not to lose momentum and decay. Either way, staying in the public sector looks a drawback. By contrast, the political appeal of privatising this, or any other big part, of the nuclear industry is about zero. In an interview last week, however, the Prime Minister cited his desire to do just that, as evidence that the Cabinet had not run out of steam. This does not look much like the drive to get back close to "Middle England", heralded at the weekend.

The nuclear industry has a long half-life on the state's supermarket shelf. The voice of Middle England will doubtless keep it there a while. In deference to MPs who claim contact with this legendary Sassenach version of Brigadoon, the Royal Mail has been held back to the second post. But the rail system has seen the green flag waved and is chugging with rising steam towards the private sector. Depending on election timing, the early effects of rail privatisation could be the "poll tax on wheels" that the gloomy predict or win voters over with a breath of private enterprise fresh air.

If ministers had wanted the quiet life, they would surely not have done it this way. They would have whistled British Rail into the private sector, as Sir Bob Reid, its last chairman, recommended — roughly intact, but bent of contracting work to specialists to save money. Instead, the industry has been taken apart according to a blueprint that is theoretically elegant, but risky.

Advisers have looked at the logic of earlier sales of monopoly utilities. They have seen how regulators' attempts to encourage competition have unpicked the functions of the original integrated monolith, have done away with cross-subsidies and have thereby intensified managers' efforts to cut costs at each stage of the process. So they have structured rail from the start to reflect this logic, focusing subsidies on the train operators at the sharp end.

Fans of the scheme argue that it is no different from other utility privatisations. Incentives drive inefficiency out of the system and regulators apportion the benefits to customers, investors or taxpayers. As in the bus or port industries, few employees below board level are likely to feature greatly among the beneficiaries unless they have bought their own businesses.

There are certainly plenty of different places to cut costs: in heavy maintenance contracts, in running repairs by train operators, in Railtrack's signalling, in the financing of trains, in allowing private suppliers to rationalise rolling stock. The extra cost of more complex contacts and contracts should be small by comparison. Where there is potential competition (as in heavy maintenance) or price regulation (as for Railtrack) cost gains should help customers or taxpayers. But there is a potentially fatal weakness in apportioning the financial gains. The industry as a whole makes a big loss and will continue to do so. Large chunks of the industry are being sold. These are the bits that should be safely profitable on their initial contracts. For instance, the three rolling stock leasing companies, or Roscos, enjoy steady operating cash flow of nearly £500 million a year and are well placed to earn tax allowances and efficiency gains. They might fetch £2 billion. But their profits can no longer be offset against operating losses to minimise the subsidy from taxpayers doled out by the franchise director. The sale proceeds could, in theory, be reinvested in annual subsidies, but public sector accounting does not work that way.

Before customers or taxpayers can benefit financially from rail privatisation, therefore, efficiency savings will first have to make good all the capitalised profits of the companies that have been sold. John Swift, the Rail Regulator, realised this. He cut the prices Railtrack expected to charge operators for use of its lines, slashing its initial profit, and probably halving its sale value. The regulator reckons charges will, in consequence, be £1.5 billion less over five years. Even so, annual subsidies may have to be £500 million or more higher than now, before efficiency gains, to achieve the same service at the same prices.

The structure is well fitted for competition. But there will be little of that. It is ill-designed to promote expansion, or even to end decline. The break-up enhances business risk and the required rate of return. Government wants to cut subsidies, so as to cut taxes, but may have to raise them to placate the public.

Risks are also unbalanced. Subsidised train operating companies must meet heavy fixed costs, mainly for track and trains, especially while initial contracts are in force. They will earn fixed, but limited benefits from efficiency gains in the rest of the system. But they will bear much of the short-term business risk. For that to be worthwhile, they would also need the potential to make big profits. Maybe they can drum up new business, raise prices on prime traffic, cut out non-compulsory services or cut their own costs more than the franchise director assumes.

More likely, market forces will quickly undo the structure that Whitehall has carefully set up, as on the buses. Train makers will try to bring train ownership and maintenance back together. Dozens of train operators will soon coalesce into a few. Some may eventually be owned by a private Railtrack (to make sense of its investment) or by suppliers. Ministers must hope this happens more via mergers than messy failures and that the process of change proves as painless as possible to the fabled folk of Middle England.

Rachel Bridge looks at a privatisation programme likely to attract British buyers

UK firms seek Australian Sid

British companies have begun brandishing their chequebooks in a bid to buy a slice of Australia as the country's multibillion-dollar privatisation bonanza rolls into action.

Between them, the federal Government and the state governments are planning to sell 22 airports, an entire electricity industry, two state banks, an aerospace business, part of an investment bank, and the rights to operate a water and waste water system, as well as the remaining 75 per cent of Qantas, the national airline — three years ago British Airways bought a 25 per cent stake. It all adds up to more than A$20 billion (£9 billion) in asset sales over the next few months.

One of the first lots to go under the hammer is likely to be the state of Victoria's electricity industry, carrying a price tag of up to A$15 billion. The prospect of an entire electricity industry going on sale has excited Britain's electricity companies: London, Eastern, Yorkshire, Southern, Midland and Scottish Power are all understood to be running their sliderules over the industry.

As one analyst says: "It is not often that opportunities like this come up. Australia is a country where the thinking is fairly in tune with the UK. It is a stable Western economy. At the same time, it could potentially be a stepping stone in the rest of the Asia-Pacific region."

He adds: "The UK electricity companies have got cash burning holes in their pockets, and rather than just hand it back to shareholders, a number of them are looking to diversify away from their core UK business. Certainly, it would make sense for them to reduce their reliance on UK earnings given the regulatory pressures there. Also the UK market is quite mature and they are not going to be able to grow massively there without taking big risks."

In preparation for the big sell-off, which has been prompted by a need to raise cash and be more competitive, the Victorian state government has reorganised its electricity industry into 12 companies — five distribution companies, five generating companies, a transmission grid, and a company to manage the supply and exchange of power within the system. If all goes to plan, the first distribution company, United Energy, will be sold in June for an estimated A$1.2 billion.

The prospect of all Australia's airports going on sale — which are expected to raise a total of A$2 billion — has spurred BAA, the UK airport operator, into action. It has made no secret of its desire to be a major purchaser of the bigger airports, which include Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, and last month it even listed its shares on the Australian Stock Exchange as evidence of its commitment to the region.

BAA has teamed up with AMP and NSW State Super, the Australian fund managers, to make the bids, and between them they have indicated that they are prepared to spend up to A$1 billion to get what they want.

The Australian federal Government is expected to decide how it will conduct the sale — whether the airports will be sold separately or in bundles, and what restrictions it will place on the number of airports any one operator can buy — in the next few weeks.

Sir John Egan, BAA's chairman, has urged the federal Government to impose as few restrictions as possible on the industry post-privatisation, saying: "We are professionals in this business. This is our business, and we tend to be able to do it better than others who aren't so deeply involved."

There are no hard and fast rules governing the amount of foreign ownership allowed in Australia, which varies from industry to industry. In the "non-sensitive" areas of electricity and water, for example, a company need only show that a purchase is not contrary to the national interest. In the case of the Qantas sale, however, foreign participation has been limited to 35 per cent which includes the British Airways stake of 25 per cent.

The privatisation programme is not just confined to asset sales: both federal and state governments are increasingly looking to contract out services to the private sector.

Kim Beazley, Minister for Finance, says: "The Government has traditionally been seen as a provider of services. Today, government can also be about purchasing services on behalf of its clients, and it will look increasingly to buy from the most efficient and effective supplier, whether from within the public sector or externally."

In the Australian water industry, where the state governments are fighting shy of going all the way down the privatisation path for fear of a political backlash, contracting out has created tremendous opportunities for Britain's water companies, many of whom are looking to diversify away from their regulated core businesses in the United Kingdom.

Thames Water and North West Water are both competing for a A$1.5 billion contract with the South Australian state government, which is looking for a partner from the private sector, not only to run the water and waste water system in Adelaide, its capital city, but also to help it win work providing water services in Asia. The state governments of Victoria, New South Wales, and Western Australia are also in the process of contracting out more work to the private sector.

A spokesan for North West Water explained: "It is a market in which there's relatively little competition. It's really only the French and the English who are competing for the large scale international contracts, which makes it attractive to us."

South Australia also hopes to sell its state bank for about A$800 million, while Western Australia hopes to sell its Bank West for the same price.

Gary Sturgess, who was principal policy adviser on government enterprise reforms to Nicholas Greiner, the former New South Wales premier, says the privatisation programme is being driven by two main objectives — to raise cash but also to become internationally competitive.

He says: "Governments are increasingly having to compete with other governments to draw investment to their country. The concept of 'best practice' is now being applied to governments — they have got to get their costs and prices down to be able to attract international companies to the region."

At the same time, he says, the increasing global scope of companies means that the old argument of not having any better alternative simply does not apply any more. He says: "With globalisation, you now have UK water companies and French water companies and American water companies knocking on government doors around the world and saying, 'Hey, we're here, and we can do that.' For the first time you've got credible alternative players."

Sturgess says that the whole privatisation programme in Australia has been driven by practicalities: "I don't think any government is gung-ho about privatisation the way that the Thatcher government was. It's a much more pragmatic approach."

Notable for its absence on the sales list is Australia Telecom, the national telecom operator, which analysts reckon could be worth as much as A$30 billion if the timing and the conditions are right.

The Australian Labour Government is committed to keeping Telecom in state hands. The conservative opposition party has however pledged to privatise Telecom, and with the growing prospect of it winning the next election — which must take place within the next year — there is a real chance of the company being privatised within the next couple of years.

One telecoms analyst says it it is an extremely sensitive issue. "The vast majority of people believe that Telecom should be privatised because at present it is prevented from gaining access to the funds it needs to be able to expand and compete effectively internationally," he says.

There is unlikely to be a shortage of buyers.



Australia's bonanza sale includes Qantas, whose managing director is James Strong

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Expensive BTR gremlin

BTR, otherwise thought of as one of Britain's finest companies, is awarded today's wooden spoon — for getting its sums horribly wrong. Its error might have cost shareholders more than £17,000 in postage. In a letter dated March 22, BTR advised holders of its 1994-95 and 1995-96 warrants that the yield on the ordinary shares for which holders may subscribe was based on a dividend equivalent of 14.8p gross. Norman Ireland, chairman, has now rushed out a second letter saying these yields were incorrect. They should have been based on a dividend of 6.5p plus 10.375p equals 16.875p — not on a dividend of 6.5p plus 8.3p equals 14.8p. There were 192,227 shareholders on BTR's register on Friday, of whom at least 90,000 are thought to be warrant holders. Assuming cost savings demanded only a second-class stamp on each letter, that's £17,100 down the drain.

Ladies first

NEWS of a conference in October, at the Barbican, to bring together successful executive women from the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and North America. The event, sponsored by the European Commission, will include speakers from television, magazines and newspapers, and will be opened by Queen Noor of Jordan. The business editor of *The Times* was asked to speak at the event because of the paper's "efforts to encourage women in business". Ouch! The organisers, Middle East Consultants, made the gender assumption that Lindsay Cook was a man. She is not — nor has she ever been.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

CITY wine bar owner Jeremy Brodie, who in his Army days used to make parachute jumps, is heading for Battersea Bridge. He offers to bungee jump off the bridge for a single donation of £1,000 towards his favourite charity, Friends of Russian Children. In June, Brodie, 52, hopes to raise £10,000 for Forc via sponsorship of a 450-mile cycle ride from St Petersburg to Moscow. Anybody want to help — or push — him?

Marathon man

PETER MIDDLETON, the motorbike-loving chief executive of Lloyd's, ran the London Marathon yesterday just a few hours after a flight back from New Zealand. Finishing in 4 hours, 4 minutes Mr Middleton raised more than £13,000 for three separate charities in the process. He admits his legs were aching, but he did not get any blisters and did not stop for a smoke — probably the longest he has gone for some time without a cigarette, he says.

Wait, watchers

THOSE of you who watched rather than ran the Marathon yesterday will find sound medical advice in today's issue of *Good Housekeeping*. "Fifty-one per cent of men weigh too much compared with 41 per cent of women, the number of obese men has risen by half in the past decade, and seven out of ten men don't even know where their prostrate gland is," the magazine says. But wait. *Good Housekeeping* concedes that "to say you are ill is tantamount to admitting you cannot cope" and the only ailment 'tough' men will admit to is a cold.

COLIN CAMPBELL

An audience with Venus

Forties Season: *One Touch of Venus*. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

Can the Kurt Weill who penned the music for this rollicking American stage musical really be the same Kurt Weill who elsewhere collaborated so acidulously with Berthold Brecht? Amazingly, yes. As for the musical's book, one of its two writers was S.J. Perelman who wrote for the Marx Brothers (the other was the show's lyricist, Ogden Nash). The show has a line that is pure Groucho. "A girl on the couch is worth two on the mind." There is a spiffing cast in this Radio 3 production recorded at the Golders Green Hippodrome in front of a live (and lively) audience. The story? A slight affair about a statue of Venus (Paige O'Hara) that comes alive in 1940s New York.

The Monday Play: Moving Statues. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Although Carey Harrison sets his play in modern-day Ireland, there are universal truths in it. And, although its overall mood is humorous, a streak of seriousness runs through the play. In other words, Harrison is admirably up to his old tricks again. There is no way we can just sit back and let it wash over us. *Moving Statues* is about a wedding (literally the knockabout bit of the play) and the erosion of scepticism (the religio-philosophical bit). Garvan MacGrath plays the disillusioned photographer who returns to his native heath after years of exile. Clearly, he is ripe for a spiritual spring-cleaning and, sure enough, it is waiting for him in a place where he least expects to find it.

Peter Davalle

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RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Musical Style 6.55 Weather

7.00 On Air: Rawsthorne (Alborado del gracioso); Vivaldi (Oboe Sonata in G minor); Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 76 No 5); Brahms (Tragic Overture); Bach (Concerto in D minor); S.S. Wesley (Ascribe unto the Lord)

9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Haydn in England. Arianna a Naxos; Symphony No 96 in D, Miracle; In un mar d'acerbe pene, L'anima del Filosofo; March for the Prince of Wales

10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Mozart (Duet in E flat for two horns); Purcell (Suite: Distressed Innocence); Handel (Harpsichord Suite No 1 in A); 10.25 *Artists of the Week:* BBC Symphony Chorus. Walton (Belshazzar's Feast); 10.55 Bach (Duet No 1 in E minor); Reicha (Concerto in E flat for two horns, Op 5); Schubert (An die Musik); 11.25 Tippett (Piano Concerto)

12.00 **In Repertory:** Neill Archer talks to Rodney Milnes about the role of Pelléas in Debussy's opera *Pelléas et Mélisande* (r)

1.00pm **News; BBC Lunchtime Concert:** Pamela Frank, violin; Stephen Prutsman, piano. Brahms (Violin Sonata in G, Op 78); Janáček (Violin Sonata)

2.00 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Tchaikovsky (Fantasy overture: Romeo and Juliet); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)

3.45 **Byrd Organ Music:** Played by Paul Nicholson (1/3) (r)

4.00 **Jive and Change:** Stan Tracy talks to Gilly Smith about the 1970s, free jazz and his duos with Keith Tippett (5/6)

5.00 **The Music Machine:** Lord Onslow goes clubbing, and interviews DJ Sarah NB and artists Robert Owen and Bam Bam

5.15 **In Tune:** Andrew Green presents arts news and interviews and plays a selection of music including Glazunov (Spring, Op 34); Beethoven (Gloria, Mass in C, Op 86); 6.30 Brahms (Variations on a Theme of Handel, Op 24)

7.30 **Forties Season — One Touch of Venus:** See Choice

10.00 **Stories by Bruno Schulz:** Cinnamon Shops. The first of four readings this week from the works of the Polish writer and artist who was shot dead by a Gestapo officer in November 1942. Read by Simon McBurney (r)

10.20 **Late Simplicity:** Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 9: Barbara Nissman, piano)

10.45 **Mixing It:** With Robert Sandall and Mark Russell

11.30-12.30am **Music Restored:** Utrecht 94. The first of six concerts recorded at last year's Holland Festival of Early Music in Utrecht. The French group, Le Parlement de Musique under Martin Gester, perform motets by Henry Dumont, André Campra and Marc-Antoine Charpentier and a harpsichord suite by Gaspard le Roux

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Butterfly and the Tin of Paint: Michael Tudor-Barnes reads Penelope Lively's story (r) 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Start the Week:** Melvyn Bragg's guests on the 25th anniversary edition are Michael Palin, Alison Pearson and Mike Newell

10.00 **News; Dear Diary (FM only):** Professor Lewis Wolpert introduces diaries exploring science

10.00 **Daily Service (LW only):** from Cardiff

10.15 **A Spiritual Anthology (LW)**

10.30 **Woman's Hour,** introduced by Jenni Murray:simplicity of Shaker cooking

11.30 **Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444**

12.00 **News; You and Yours**

12.25pm **The Labour Exchange:** A new panel game chaired by Rory McGrath 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One,** presented by Nick Clarke

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; The Tree of Liberty:** The final part of a detective series by Nigel Baldwin, set in 1792 Amiens. With David Calder

3.00 **The Afternoon Shift,** with Laurie Taylor

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Natalie Wheen reviews Alfred Schnittke's opera, *Life with an Idiot*, at the ENO; and hears gospel music from the Black Hebrews of Israel

4.45 **Short Story: Serendipity,** by Ann Redmayne: Read by Eve Karpf

5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **The News Quiz:** Barry Took is joined by *Times* columnist Alan Coren, Andy Hamilton and guests at the Babbacombe Theatre in Torquay for another look back at the week's news (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.20 **The Food Programme,** with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 **The Monday Play: Moving Statues.** See Choice

9.15 **Letters from Another Time:** A three-part series on letters that might have been written over the past 25 years. In the second programme, Michael Goldfarb focuses on June 1973

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig

10.45 **Book at Bedtime:** Mr Olim. Ian Holm reads Ernest Raymond's novel (1/10) (r)

11.00-11.30 **The Travellers' Souk (FM only):** Why travellers are becoming such a popular target for terrorists (r)

11.00-11.30 **Education Matters (LW only):** Children talk about their experience of school

11.30-12.00 **Bolt (FM only):** First of a five-part dramatisation by John Ashe of the novel by Dick Francis. With Eric Allan and Siân Phillips (r)

11.30-12.00 **Today in Parliament (LW only)**

12.00-12.43am **News;** Incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Getting the measure of Saturday night

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Much of weekend television, it seems to me, is designed to be consumed when drunk. And since it is a charge sometimes levelled at critics that we watch television with an unnatural attention — using video tapes during daylight hours, seated two feet from the screen with notepads — this weekend I undertook a daring experiment, and watched Saturday night's new BBC 1 schedule while plastered and horizontal. All in the cause of journalism, you understand. Lolling on the sofa with my hand in a bucket of crisps, I declared *Bugs* "fantastic, just fantastic". *The Lenny Henry Show* "really, really funny", and when it came to the American drama series *Chicago Hope* I simply couldn't frame the words, being too choked up by emotion and saturated fat.

Even without the alcohol (I've watched it all again) this proved to be an impressive line-up of popular programming. *Bugs* is plain daft, but it has enough of the panache of the old ATV adventure series (on which it is obviously modelled) to gloss over the stupid things going on. Centring on the activities of "The Hive" (a top secret government listening agency) it sets up an instantly recognisable world in which devices are ultra-smart, goodies are slow on the uptake, baddies carry guns, and car chases take place at 5.30 on Sunday mornings so as to avoid other traffic. In Saturday's first episode, London Docklands provided the scenery, and the cause of all the hoo-ha was a metallic blue suitcase called Sacros (cost of prop: £3.50) which was astoundingly capable of jamming satellite communications by the turn of a bakelite knob.

Tell us about the goodies. Well, I'm glad you asked. They are Jesse Birdsall from *Eldorado* (possibly still wearing the same suit, though having thankfully ditched the slitty sunglasses), Jaye Griffiths (genial, unflappable brainbox who wisecracks during car chases) and daredevil Craig McLachlan (beefcake). In the 1970s, all the best adventure series comprised two blokes and a woman (not to mention *Blue Peter*). Think of this trio as Ego, Superego and Id. Come to think of it, Craig McLachlan's name is Ed and he says it with an Australian accent. Id. Good grief, so "Id" it is.

Cleverly, *Bugs* copied the old style of *The Professionals* and *The Persuaders* even to the extent of including three climaxes and black-outs (for non-existent adverts), and ending with a happy, laughing coda, in the manner of American imports. You've got to hand it to them. Saturday night on BBC 1 is now pappy fantasy reassurance for hours on end — from Superman, through the National Lottery (the biggest fantasy of all), through *Bugs* and *Chicago Hope*. All these good guys protecting the world, just so that we can sit safely indoors watching BBC 1. No wonder people drink.

Chicago Hope is a hospital drama — Channel 4's *ER* with the emergency left out; a dazzle of handsome doctors and tear-filled eyes, and all the medics dressed beautifully in powder blue. Saturday's opening episode (which looked a lot less good without the booze) ran three story-lines, about a has-been surgeon refusing to hang up his scalpel, a Jewish patient with a brain tumour, and a pair of Siamese twin babies going under the knife. Again, bravado and photography disguised the proper worth of such weekday afternoon stuff. When Mandy Patinkin led a wordless phalanx of blues through the wards, the absurdly purposeful manner recalled the gangs in *West Side Story*. "The Blues are gonna get their kicks, tonight! The Blues are gonna make some nicks, tonight!"

"For those of you with God in your lives, please make contact now!" Patinkin told his team in all seriousness, as they got down to the gruelling business of crowding round little dollies, and prodding at bits of pink cotton wool. Outside, the gorgeous, worried, blond parents assumed hollow-eyed expressions and received expert counselling in the form of exhortation. "These doctors are *good*" they were told (the "goddamit" was silent, but implied). Finally, Patinkin finished his work, cut his last thread. "She's gonna make it," he announced, straightening up. Phew, what a relief. And moreover, what a *surprise*.

Lenny Henry got off to a high energy start, with a densely packed show — stand-up, filmed inserts, new characters — the creative effort behind every segment extraordinary. His brand of humour is so soft it's suffocating, but the programme was also untiringly inventive and professional, which made up for it. As "Nathan Gunn", a bejewelled, 1970s cop dude (in flared violet three-piece suit) Henry travelled from New York to London by means of one of those narrative whizzing blurs, which used to be shorthand in American series for "3,000 miles away" or "Meanwhile, is Illya still in trouble?". *Bugs* missed that one.

The stand-up material was mostly about blacks in the media — a subject hardly new to black performers, but with good twists. In the 1970s, when every film featured a black pimp, said Henry, Disney remade *Snow White* with a black dwarf, called Funky. Funky didn't believe in digging in a mine all day. "Get in here girl, and lie down!" He also mentioned that currently, Sunday night television is a virtual black-free zone — such dramas as *Darling Buds* and *Miss Marple* being set in pre-immigration Britain. An excellent point. What with *The Choir* and *Hamish Macbeth* (even the dog is white), perhaps the broadcasters ought to keep an eye on that. Not everybody is drunk and placid out here.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (24135)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31847425)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (4088480)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1995628) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (5689703)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (8255970)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6339593) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (2269222) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (69465796)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (10683) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (86194154)

1.50 Going for Gold. The debonair Henry Kelly introduces the fifth quarter-final of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (86198970)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama series (s) (2963864) **3.00 Today's Gourmet.** Jacques Pépin prepares a three-course meal (9048)

3.30 Cartoon (8761951) **3.45 Bodger and Badger** (s) (8786406) **4.00 Eek the Cat** (s) (5558512) **4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7618116)

4.30 The Movie Game. The return of the film and video quiz, presented by John Barrowman. (Ceefax) (s) (3409338)

4.55 Newsround (4738154) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (4229683)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (270951)

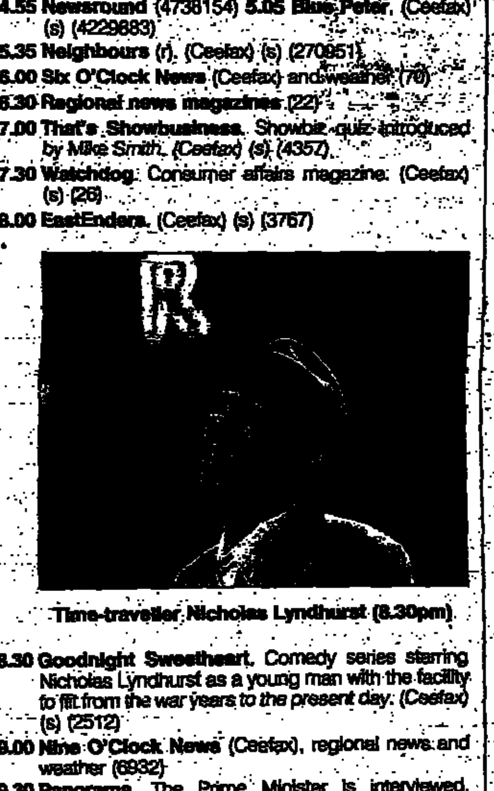
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (70)

6.30 Regional news magazines (22)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Showbiz quiz introduced by *Mike Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (4357)*

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (26)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (3767)



Time-traveller Nicholas Lyndhurst (8.30pm)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst as a young man with the facility to flit from the war years *to the present day. (Ceefax)* (s) (2512)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6932)

9.30 Panorama. The Prime Minister is interviewed. (Ceefax) (936226)

10.10 FILM: Mad Max (1979) starring Mel Gibson. A bleak look into the future when motorcycle gangs roam what is left of civilisation, attacking those who get in their way. A victim plots his revenge. Directed by George Miller. *(Ceefax)* (1738999)

11.40 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of *Dumb and Dumber, Just Cause* and *An Awfully Big Adventure.* (Ceefax) (s) (632703)

12.10am FILM: Alamo Bay (1985) starring Amy Madigan and Ed Harris. *Drama, set in the 1980s about the* conflict on the Texas coast between Vietnamese refugee fishermen and the locals. Directed by Louis Malle (482029)

1.45 Weather (8006742)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7160222)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sarah Baxter (s) (7623593)

9.00 A Week to Remember (b/w) (2124319) **9.10 First Tuesday in November.** The story of Australia's big race day, when the Melbourne Cup is run (8367609)

10.00 Playdays (s) (3089929)

10.25 FILM: Victoria the Great (1937, colour and b/w) starring Anna Neagle. A sweeping biopic directed by Herbert Wilcox (84741796)

12.20 Holiday Outings. A basic sailing course in Argyle (6331951)

12.30 Working Lunch (55319)

1.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (73832715)

1.15 Wild Australia. The fauna of Australia (660574)

2.15 FILM: Inherit the Wind (1988) starring Kirk Douglas, Jason Robards and Jean Simmons. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about the *Deep South trial in the 1920s of a schoolteacher* accused of teaching Darwinism instead of the biblical version of creation. Directed by David Green. (Ceefax). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (201715) and **3.50** (2124777)

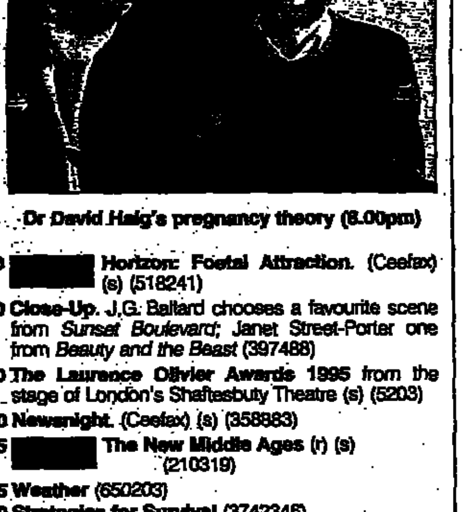
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (35)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (19)

5.00 Esther. A discussion on women in men's sport (s) (2185) **5.30 Catchword.** Word game (s) (99)

6.00 FILM: Carve Her Name with Pride (1958, b/w) *starring Virginia McKenna and Paul Scofield.* The true story of English war widow Violette Szabo, who became a secret agent in occupied France. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (82527864)

7.55 Close-Up. Carla Lane introduces her favourite *scene from Madonna of the Seven Moons* (168390)



Dr David Haig's pregnancy theory (8.00pm)

8.00 Horizon: Foetal Attraction. (Ceefax) (s) (518241)

8.50 Close-Up. J.G. Ballard chooses a favourite scene from *Sunset Boulevard;* Janet Street-Porter one from *Beauty and the Beast* (397488)

9.00 The Laurence Olivier Awards 1995 from the stage of London's Shaftesbury Theatre (s) (5203)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (s) (358883)

11.15 The New Middle Ages (r) (s) (210319)

11.55 Weather (650203)

12.00 Strategies for Survival (3742346)

12.25am Design Principles. *Symmetry* (5534538)

1.05 The Record. The day in Parliament (3596742). Ends at **1.35**

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CHOICE



Sue Hutchinson exposes high fares (C4, 9.30pm)

Undercover Britain: Taxi Touts
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Sue Hutchinson is a London cabby, a legitimate one. Like her colleagues she is outraged by touts who run *an illegal taxi service and charge exorbitant* fares. Armed with a hidden camera and not a little courage, she embarks on an exposé. Posing as an American tourist new to London, she is taken for a ride in more senses than one when a trip of less than two miles costs £48.50. No wonder that touts are said to earn up to £60,000 a year, tax-free. A marvellously watchable programme has its funny side. Sue follows the alleged tout to his home and waits on the doorstep. When he finally appears, at 5am, she tackles him about his charges. "It wasn't me", he protests, "it must have been my twin brother".

Horizon: Foetal Attraction
BBC2, 8.00pm

The ideal picture of pregnant mothers in a state of bliss and fulfilment is frequently contradicted by a grimmer reality of exhaustion, morning sickness, high blood pressure and diabetes. Dr David Haig, an Australian biologist based at Harvard, thinks he has the explanation. It seems so simple that you wonder why *nobody hit on it years ago.* The Haig thesis is that during pregnancy the mother and the foetus are in conflict. The battleground is the mother's blood supply, a source of food for the foetus but essential to the mother's wellbeing as well. Teresa Hunt's lucid film also brings in a genetic dimension, suggesting that most of the troubles which beset pregnant mothers are due to the father's genes.

Deadline
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Disappointingly, the latest slice of life from Yorkshire Television's local news magazine is a bit like *Hamlet* without the prince. The ever-chuckling Richard Whiteley, who has emerged as the undisputed star of the series, is relegated to a bit part. He is doing a camera test, to see whether his colourful clothing can match a given background. Having to stand still for 20 minutes is not his forte, but he still manages to chuckle. Otherwise, the film continues to underline the programme's curious mix of the serious and the silly. In the first category, Michael Portillo is heckled by a woman during a visit to a jobcentre. In the second is a wedding between someone called Jake Manglewurzle and a *mud wrestler, with his dog as best man.*

The New Middle Ages
BBC2, 11.15pm (not Scotland)

The summer repeats have started early, cynics will say, but, as always, it depends what is being repeated. This week *The Late Show* slot is being occupied by programmes shown before, and not long ago. But all are worth watching, even for a second time. *The New Middle Ages* argues that the likely state of the world during the next century may throw up alarming parallels with the 14th in terms of political instability, a breakdown in law and order and viruses beyond the wit of science to control. The other films explore connections between Anthony Blunt the Poussin critic and Blunt the spy, ask whether our images of children *are now shaped by moral panic* and celebrate the garish architecture of Las Vegas. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (45116)

9.25 Chain Letters (2651660) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2225668)

10.00 The Time... the Place (s) (4257067)

10.35 This Morning (76626574) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6335777)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9222222)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (9230241) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (73791951)

1.55 Capital Woman *Includes a report on living with HIV* (s) (65800864)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (58406067) **2.50 Blue Heelers** (1411796) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (4584999) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) *and weather (4576970)*

3.30 Rainbow (s) (8792067) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2122319) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (s) (6325777) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7626135) **4.40 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (7612999)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale *(Teletext)* (4213222)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (520593)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (616485)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (38)

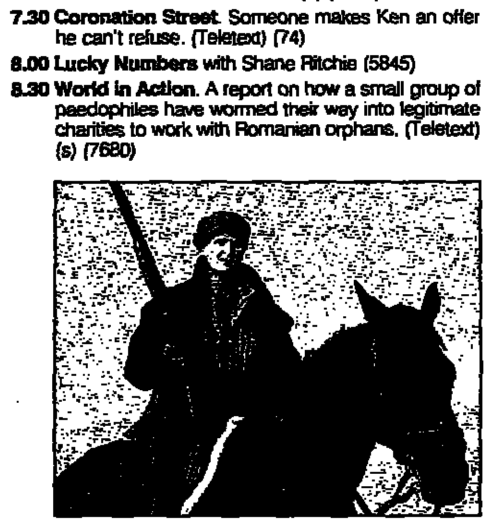
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (90)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (9425)

7.30 Coronation Street. Someone makes Ken an offer he can't refuse. (Teletext) (74)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Ritchie (5845)

8.30 World in Action. A report on how a small group of paedophiles have wormed their way into legitimate charities to work with Romanian orphans. (Teletext) (s) (7680)



Dolly (Ann Mitchell) is betrayed (9.00pm)

9.00 She's Out. Dolly's dreams are shattered by yet more betrayal and lies. With Ann Mitchell, Linda Marlowe and Maureen Sweeney. (Teletext) (s) *(8048)*

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (34338)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (185690)

10.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by Laura Davies, Barry McGuigan and Ken Bates (s) (283311)

11.40 The Equalizer with Edward Woodward (947661)

12.45am Endsleigh League Extra *introduced by Gabriel* Clarke (7582471)

1.30 Sport AM. Includes highlights from the the first round of the World Motocycle Championships in Australia (1575346)

2.25 Quiz Night. Manor Athletic from London v The Empress from Liverpool (4289988)

2.50 FILM: Warning, Male Sex in Danger (1968) starring Gerrar Barray. A police inspector inherits an apartment building that is home to a brothel. Directed by Guy Lefranc (171723)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (37834365)

4.55 The Time... the Place (r) (s) (2668100)

5.30 ITN Morning News (95100). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7923319)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (22226)

9.00 You Bet Your Life *(r) (s) (44715)*

9.30 FILM: Adventures Of Mark Twain (1944, b/w) starring Fredric March, John Carradine and Alexis Smith. A biopic of Samuel Clemens directed by Irving Rapper (76847680) **11.50 House Cat** *Vintage British animation* (6984951)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (24951)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Hillary Clinton and Madeline Kahn (r) (66690) **1.30 Little Miss** followed by **Paddington, Frootie Tooties** and **The Wombles** *(r) (72086)*

2.00 Survivors of the Rainforest. A documentary about the Yanomami Indians of a remote Venezuelan rainforest (r). (Teletext) (85609)

3.00 The Late Late Show (s) (4951)

4.00 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (r). (Teletext) (s) (13)

4.30 Fifteen To One. William G Stewart introduces the first contestants in the quick-fire, knock out general knowledge quiz. *(Teletext) (s) (15)*

5.00 The Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons (r). (Teletext) (7203)

5.30 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Florida hospital (r) (Teletext) (s) (67)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (s) (80)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. College comedy series *from the United States. (Teletext)* (s) (32)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (383241)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (185067)

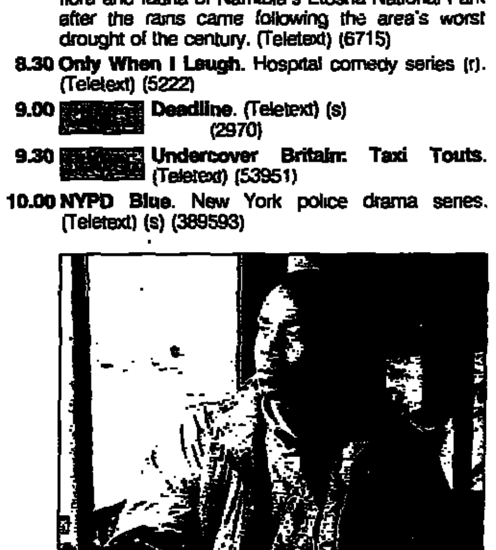
8.00 After the Rains. Des and Jen Bartlett's film of the flora and fauna of Namibia's Etosha National Park after the rains came following the area's worst drought of the century. (Teletext) (6715)

8.30 Only When I Laugh. Hospital comedy series (r). (Teletext) (5222)

9.00 Deadline. (Teletext) (s) (2970)

9.30 Undercover Britain: Taxi Touts. (Teletext) (53951)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (389593)



Bongani returns from Soweto (10.55pm)

10.55 In a Time of Violence A controversial thriller, set in *South Africa, about a Soweto resident who is forced* to go on the run after witnessing a massacre on a train. Starring Vusi Kunene (r). (Teletext) (s) (85966864)

12.30am Mr Roadrunner. Jools Holland on a musical adventure in Tennessee and Mississippi. Narrated by Stephen Fry (r) (s) (6253443)

1.55 The Day I Gave Up Smoking and **Fisheye.** *Animations from the Zagreb studios (6067384)*

2.15 FILM: Fashions of 1934 (1934, b/w) starring William Powell and Bette Davis. A comedy drama about a dress designer, famous for pirating other people's designs, who receives his comeuppance when he meets an old girlfriend. Directed by William Dieterle (7385471). Ends at **3.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: *9.55am-10.00* Anglia News and Weather (2225668) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (6335777) 1.55 A Country Practice (86199609) 2.20 Look and Cook (58498048) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1411796) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (4576970) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4213222) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (422319) 10.30 Anglia News (185690) 10.40 The Magic and Mystery Show (820609) 12.10am Coach (3758907) 12.40 Endsleigh League Extra (7583100) 1.25 Johnnie Mae Gibson, FBI (335384) 3.05 Sport AM (9495549) 4.00 The Time... the Place (54452) 4.30 Yan Can Cook (35810) 5.00 Wanted Dead or Alive (91988)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2225668) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (6335777) 1.55 A Country Practice (86199609) 2.20 Look and Cook (58498048) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1411796) 3.25-3.30 Central News (4576970) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4213222) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (422319) *10.30-10.40* Central News and Weather (185690) 11.40 The Monday Night Fight (947661) 4.25am Jobfinder (4673346) 5.20 Asian Eye (7487704)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2225668) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (6335777) 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9230241) 1.25 Home and Away (49272406) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (8184883) 2.45-3.20 Dining in France (6773970) 3.25-3.30 Granada News (4576970) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4213222) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (422319) 10.30 Granada News (185690) 10.40 The Motor Show (820609) 12.10am Coach (7318377) 12.45 Endsleigh League Extra (7582471) 1.30 Sport AM (1575346) 2.25 Quiz Night (4289988) 2.50 Warning, Male Sex in Danger (443452) 4.25 Jobfinder (85955758) 4.55 The Time... the Place (2668100)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (2225668) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV West News and Weather (6335777) 1.55 Gardening Calendar (65800864) 2.25-3.20 Highway to Heaven (6623406) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (4576970) 5.10-5.40 Yan Can Cook (4213222) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (90) 10.30-10.40 HTV West Headlines and Weather (185690) 11.40 Spotlight (337131) 12.10am The Powers That Be (7318377) 4.25 Jobfinder (85955758)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Baby Talk (65800864) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (90) 10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News and Weather (185690) 11.40 Celtic Waves (337131)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice *(86199609)* 2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (4829203) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4213222) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (38) 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (90) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (185690) 10.40 The Trek (820609) 12.10am Coach (3758907) 12.40 Endsleigh League Extra (7583100) 1.25 Film: Johnnie Mae Gibson, FBI *(Howard E. Rollins Jr)* (335384) 3.05 Sport AM (9495549) 4.00 The Time... the Place *(54452)* 4.30 Yan Can Cook (35810) 5.00 Freescreen (91988)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 Gardeners' Diary (65800864) 2.25 The Young Doctors (58497319) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4213222) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (50864) 11.40 Crime Story (947661) 4.25am Jobfinder (85955758)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (86199609) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (58498048) 2.50 Help Yourself (4195241) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7874999) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: *Calendar News / Bliedale:* Network North (4576970) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4213222) 5.55 Calendar / *Network North* (719222) 6.30-7.00 Enterprize 95 (90) 10.30 Calendar News and Weather (185690) 10.40 A Brush with Ashley (820609) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (984593) 1.05am Afraid to Dance (326636) 2.40 The New Music (4298181) 3.35 The Chart Show (2389704) 4.30 Jobfinder (15384)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (22226) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (44715) 9.30 The Adventures Of Mark Twain (76847680) 11.50 House Cat (6984951) 12.00pm Right To Reply (24951) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (73715) 1.00 The Magic Roundabout (72703) 1.30 Allan Nations (72086) *2.00* A Bell For Adano (969067) 3.55 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (1159951) 4.30 Board Stupid (15) 5.00 5 Pump (5461154) *5.15* 5 Pump (8247446) 5.30 Fifteen To One (67) 6.00 Newyddion (798135) 6.15 Heno (152048) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (7067) 7.30 Sgorio (87067) 8.30 Newyddion (6222) 9.00 Taro Naw (2970) 9.30 Roseanne (53951) 10.00 NYPD (389593) 10.55 Close My Eyes (68219672) 12.55am Elephant Ballet (7519297)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (52680) 8.00 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (58632) 8.30 Blockbusters (57203) 9.00 Oprah Winfrey (98222) 10.00 Concentration (20796) 10.30 Card Sharks (77067) *11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael* (45593) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (88319) 12.30pm Anything But Love (91135) 1.00 St Elsewhere (89390) 2.00 Matlock (21425) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (8743338) 3.50 DJ Kat (4829319) 4.30 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (9375) 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (2154) 6.00 Murphy Brown (1390) *6.30 Family Ties* (5970) 7.00 Rescue (3883) 7.30 M*A*S*H (1154) 8.00 Hawkeye (26845) 9.00 Civil Wars (46609) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (49796) 11.00 David Letterman (513883) 11.50 Littlejohn (108135) 12.45am Chances (4957100) 1.30 WKRP (40297) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (2970704)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5281241) 9.30 O.J. Simpson trial (4197715) 10.10 60 Minutes (7535086) 11.00 News and Business (628241) 1.30pm CBS News (34154) 2.30 Parliament Live (61680) 4.00 News and Business (24999) 5.00 Live at Five (8468135) 8.05 Richard Littlejohn (8152512) 7.30 O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (6040339) 11.30 CBS News (25311) 12.30am ABC News (3780636) 1.10 60 Minutes (5299094) 2.30 Parliament Replay (49443) 4.30 CBS News (83704) *5.30-6.00 ABC News (27162)*

SKY MOVIES

6.00am **Showcase** (2378796) **10.00 Bury Me in Niagara** (1992) (95951) **12.00 Autbori Autbori** (1992) (35628) **2.00pm The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming!** (1966) (71639512) **4.05 The Adventures of the Wilderness Family** (1975) (85559154) **6.00 Bury Me in Niagara** (1992): As 10am (43512) **8.00 Frauds** (1992) (55357) **10.00 Dangerous Heart** (1993) (628390) *11.35 Scarface* (1983) (58594319) **2.25 Where It's At** (1969) (259689) **4.10-6.00 The Opposite Sex** *(1992) (588907)*

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (38628) **4.00 Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell** (1968) (6390) **6.00 Shenandoah** (1965) (18864) **8.00 The McKenzie Break** *(1970) (20609)* ***10.00 Wanted: Dead or Alive*** (1986) (582999) **11.50-2.00am Frances** (1982) (38532390)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Care Bears Movie (1985) (8298574) **7.20 White Fang** (1993) (5833796) **8.20 Katy Meets the Aliens** (1989) (60616845) **10.00 Mon Père ce Heros** (1992) (93693) **12.00 Jesse James** (1939) (26970) **2.00pm** ***Invitation to the Wedding*** (1985) (21390) **4.00 Katy Meets the Aliens** (1989). As 8.20am (65558425) **5.55** ***David's Mother*** (1994) (77048241) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (4864) **8.00 Sommersby** (1993) (53999) **10.00 Jennifer 8** (1992) (64628845) **12.05am The Tower** (1992) (8727839) **1.35 Black Magic** (1991) (917162) **3.10 Vanished Without a Trace** (1992) (6209384) **4.40-6.00 The Care Bears Movie** *(1985): As 6am (5487742)*

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Max Out (93154) 7.30 WWF Mania (74883) 8.30 Super Sunday: Southampton v Spurs, Manchester Utd v Leeds Utd (15222) 10.30 Cricket: West Indies v Australia (15357) 12.00 Snooker: The British Open, Live (7857777) 4.00pm WWF Wrestlemania XI (250898) 7.00 Snooker: British Open, Live (957390) 10.00 Soccer News (580796) 10.15 Football: Southampton v Spurs and Manchester Utd v Leeds Utd (966852) 12.15am Golf: Senior Slam (425636) 1.15-2.15 British Basketball (415520)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Equestrianism (99690) 9.30 Tennis (32999) 11.00 Motorcycling (83777) 12.00 Indycar (23319) 1.00pm Football (70715) 3.00 London Marathon (43048) 4.00 Motorcycling (69721) 5.30 Indycar (50883) 6.30 News (3154) 7.00 Speedworld (86406) *9.00 Football (52796) 10.30 Boxing (50319)* 11.30 Eurogolf Magazine (33593) 12.30-1.00am Eurosport News (47452)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7865222) 8.30 Peyton Place (7664593) 9.00 As the World Turns (4501154) 10.00 Guiding Light (3785203) 11.00-12.00 Another World (3705067)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Greece (7875609) 12.30pm Zoo Life (4950609) 1.00 The Great Escape (3709883) 1.30 Cook Italian (4942680) 2.00 Australian Panorama (4539609) 2.30 Travels in Europe (2137970) 3.00 Classic Car Chase (1444512) 4.00 Travel Guide (8432262) 4.30 Zoo Life (2032226) 5.00 Trailside (4513861) 5.30 Cook Italian (4032406) 6.00 Travels in Europe (7282929) 6.30 American Vacation (8355154) 7.30 Australian Panorama (1692785) 8.00 Around the World (4519845) 8.30 Travel Guide (4521680) 9.00 Globetrotter (1429203) 9.30 American Vacation (2376609) 10.30 Trailside (7685086) 11.00 Travels in Europe (1431048) 11.30-12.00 *Cruising the Globe (7053715)*



Jessica Lange is Frances (Sky Movies Gold, 11.50pm)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (8103690) 9.30 Madeleine Cooks (2366809) 10.00 Running Repairs (2963222) 10.30 Being There (2703654) 11.00 Only Human (4826512) 12.00 Decisions, Decisions (4703934) 12.30pm Avoidable Tragedy (2360425) 1.00 Madeleine Cooks (4837628) 1.30 The Joy of Painting (2369796) 2.00 Jimmy's (3591390) 2.30 Park High (8800116) 3.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? (3510425) 3.30-4.00 Running Repairs (8805861)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4830715) 7.30 Neighbours (4819222) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (5153375) 8.30 EastEnders (6503816) 9.00 The Bill (2808208) 9.30 Flesh and Blood (6107661) 10.30 Juliet Bravo (6917680) 11.30 Going for Gold (8448777) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (2903652) 12.30pm Neighbours (2382883) 1.00 EastEnders (4839086) 1.30 The Bill (2361154) 2.00 Spring and Autumn (3500048) 2.30 My Wife Next Door (8902574) 3.00 Knots Landing (8442593) 4.00 Dallas (8461628) *5.00 Going for Gold (84852067)* 5.25 XYZ (84831574) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (2654999) 6.30 EastEnders (8927883) 7.00 The Two Ronnies (5934406) 7.55 My Wife Next Door (1687357) 8.30 FILM: Carry on Dick (1974) The comic adventures of highwayman Dick Turpin (9003593) 10.00 The Bill (1553311) *10.30 Top of the Pops (9553131) 11.00* Alas Smith and Jones (8363067) 11.40 Dr Who (5690845) 12.10am FILM: Lone Wolf McQuade (1983) Martial arts action with Chuck Norris (6070758) 2.10 Shopping at Night (5977742)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (8316845) 6.55 Garfield and Friends (8256864) 7.25 Eek the Cat (3153883) 7.55 Degrassi Junior High (3675777) 8.25 Super Mario Brothers (8271154) 8.45 Casper and Friends (8341628) 9.00 Sesame Street (78406) 10.00 It's Drobee Time (64680) 12.00 Garfield and Friends (46796) 12.30pm Eek the Cat (55932) 1.00 Beverly Hills Teens (27796) 1.30 Super Mario Brothers (90975425) 1.45 Baby Follies (90963680) *2.00 Barney and Friends (9241) 2.30 Babar* (3195) 3.00 Casper and Friends (4868203) 3.15 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures *(346357) 3.45 Sonic the Hedgehog (345628)* 4.15 Head to Head in 3D (6807796) 4.30-5.00 California Dreams (3339)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive (5710116) 7.15 Pee-Wee's *Playhouse* (433222) 7.45 Rugrats (432593) 8.15 Doug (549357) 8.45 NickAlive! (4567116) 9.00 Nick Jr (211135) *12.00 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego?* (51770) 12.30pm Denver the Last Dinosaur (40086) 1.00 Smoggies (90067) 1.30 Galaxy *High School* (49357) 2.00 *Alvin and the Chipmunks* (3425) 2.30 Henry's Cat (1319) 3.00 Grimmy (2932) 3.30 Where on Earth is *Carmen San Diego?* (5864) 4.00 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (5999) 4.30 Rugrats (4883) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (4777) 5.30 Odyssey (5135) 6.00 Doug (2048) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6628)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (8924796) 4.30 Earthfile (8813680) 5.00 Search for Adventure (3501777) 6.00 Invention (5122864) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (5490883) 7.30 Future Quest (8921609) 8.00 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (3511154) *8.30 On Location* (3590661) 9.00 The Nature of Things (8235241) 9.55 Kittyhawk (1410852) *10.55 Special Forces (1597593)* 11.25-12.00 Rhino Brutals (6723690)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Beast with a Million Eyes (1955) (2689357) 1.30pm Smothers Brothers (2356222) 2.00 The Avengers (2969777) 3.00 Rat Patrol (3507951) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (8932715) 4.00 FILM: Tickle Me (1965) (3518067) 6.00 Garry Shandling (8838999) 6.30 Cannon (9847319) 7.30 *The Invisible Man (3918135) 8.00 The Avengers* (6477777) 9.00 The New Avengers (6480241) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Capone (1975) With Ben Gazzara (8436932)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5031357) 7.00 Living (2648319) 9.00 On the House (6286338) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1568390) 10.05 Go for It (1033680) 10.35 Susan Powter (18221999) 11.00 *Young and Restless (7888048) 11.55* The Simple Programme (74632609) 12.00 Kilroy (9748154) 12.55pm Masterchef 1992 *(6783048) 1.30 New Mr and Mrs Show* (1281357) 2.00 Agony Hour (5044970) 3.00 Living (7428864) 4.00 Infatuation (8347048) 4.30 Crosswits (8339932) 5.00 Joker's Wild (11906406) 5.25 Take Six Cooks (7144241) 6.00 Susan Powter (8357425) 6.30 Brookside (8348777) 7.00 Challenge Anneka (3221970) 8.00 Young and Restless (2262661) 8.55 The Simple Programme (8805628) 9.00 FILM: A Time to Triumph (1986): With Patty Duke (30538357) 10.50 Sneak Scenes — River Wild (5018154) 11.00 Brookside (7448628) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (5049425)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (9703) 5.30 Teen Win, Lose or Draw (4661) 6.00 Boogies Diner (118715) 6.25 All Clued Up (135406) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (9647) 7.30 My Two Dads (1338) 8.00 Road to Avonlea (22067) 9.00 Moonlighting (30723) 10.00 Family Catchphrase (47425) 10.30 GP (23845) 11.00 Lou Grant (87195) 12.00 Rhoda (17723) 12.30am Big Brother Jake (89452) 1.00 Dangermouse (76520) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (11723) 2.00 Moonlighting (45452) 3.00 Lou Grant (87029) 4.00 Rhoda (56891) *4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (98013)*

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (57471) 6.30 The Grind (77203) 7.00 3 from 1 (1672932) 7.15 Awake on the Wildside (8138154) 8.00 VJ Ingo (110932) 11.00 The Soul of MTV (25338) 12.00 Greatest Hits (76425) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (52845) 2.00 3 from 1 *(18384715)* 2.15 The Afternoon Mix (9659609) 3.00 Cinematic (4860661) 3.15 The Afternoon Mix (5283883) 4.00 MTV News at Night (6886203) *4.15 The Afternoon Mix (6809154) 4.30 Dial MTV (2087)* 5.00 Hit List UK (36319) 7.00 Greatest Hits (15777) 8.00 Pet Shop Boys: Popumentary (8135) 8.30 Depeche Mode (4870) 9.00 The Real World (71845) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (77154) 10.00 MTV News (115067) 10.15 Cinematic (103222) 10.30 First Look (25203) 11.00 The End? (82932) 12.30am The Grind (81810) 1.00 The Soul of MTV (27433) 2.00 Night Videos (2218100)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage *(3708154) 9.00 Café VH-1 (7929883)* 12.00 The Bridge (6613777) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (1345154) 2.30 Heart and Soul (8349593) 3.30 Into The Music (7617680) 6.00 Prime Cuts (5482947) 6.30 VH-1 to 1: Elton John (1787339) 7.00 VH-1 for You (8444319) 8.00 VH-1 Album Chart (8457883) 10.00 The Bridge (4514628) 11.30 The Nightfly (4515357) 1.30am Ten of the Best (6711365) 2.30-7.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including at 5.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (61470425) 8.30 Haveli (43424406) 9.00 India Business Report (43448086) 9.30 Dillagi (18656086) 10.00 Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan (12423357) 10.30 Kya Scene Hai (43437970) *11.00 Wah Janab (89761777)* 11.30 Film Chakker (89762406) 12.00 Andaz (43428222) 12.30pm Khubsoorat *(18627574) 1.00 Pakistani FILM: Rani Beti* Raaj Karegi (49531796) 4.00 Pakistani Serial Daldal (89785357) 5.00 Junglee *Toofan Tyre Puncture* (96555390) *5.30 Zee* and U (30416393) 6.00 Ina Kitta (33656816) 6.30 Sa Re Ga Na (49981208) 7.00 Get Set Go (96575154) 7.30 Galaxzee (57088872) 8.00 News (96551574) 8.30 Commander (96570609) 9.00-12.00 Hindi FILM: Dil Apna Aur Preet Paraye (23484222)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Presenting Lily Mars (1943) *(96459512)* ***9.00 Million Dollar Mermaid*** (1952) (97215222) **11.00 L'Homme Fragile** (1980) (59178796) **12.30am Sois Belle... et Tais Toi** *(1958) (83690297)* **2.15-5.00 Un Assassin Qui Passe** (1980) (13798471)

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Three-way fight breaks out for BR workshops

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE'S three biggest railway equipment companies are bidding for control of British Rail's maintenance yards and rolling stock in an effort to secure a market for their products after the network is privatised.

If they can take over the maintenance facilities, the manufacturers are then expected to ally themselves with financial institutions to buy the three rolling-stock leasing companies now being marketed by Hambros, the merchant bank, in a £2 billion trade sale.

The British Rail vendor unit is finalising contracts for the six BR heavy maintenance workshops. Offers have been made by GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French group, ABB, the Swedish-Swiss manufacturer, and Siemens of Germany.

To thrive in a fiercely competitive privatised market where trains are leased by operators rather than bought outright, manufacturers believe they must secure control of all train-supply costs from the actual building through to overhauls.

Train-builders will have to form close links with the leasing companies. Otherwise they will be unable to direct the "cascade" process by which the cost of new rolling stock to users is offset by moving old trains to secondary routes.

At the same time manufacturers need to work closely with train operators to reduce the cost of running trains already in service.

Under contracts established ahead of privatisation, train maintenance will consume some £320 million of the £800 million rental income earned by the three companies that lease rolling stock — Angel Train Contracts, Eversholt Leasing and Porterbrook.

Half of the 25 train operating companies will have their own maintenance facilities. The British Rail Maintenance Ltd workshops to be sold this week or next have an annual income of some £170 million.

The scope for maintenance savings is considerable. Contracts already established for up to four years peg charges to the Producer Price Index, minus 3 per cent. But the two British manufacturers may be able to reap much larger economies by using refurbishment to smooth the flow of work through their train-building plants.

GEC-Alsthom, a joint venture between GEC and France's Alcatel, is Britain's biggest manufacturer, with plants at Birmingham and Manchester.

ABB, which bought the former British Rail train works at Derby and York, has been struggling to fill its factories. But after forming a joint venture with Daimler-Benz of Germany only weeks ago, ABB is determined to win a leading role both in Britain and worldwide.

Siemens, the German train builder, is already in the UK market. It is supplying trains for the Heathrow Express, a new link between London's chief airport and Paddington station near the city centre.

Management teams are also bidding for some of the BRML workshops. A manufacturer that fails in the initial bidding may thus be able to snap up a buyout later. But once the BRML deals are done, attention will switch to the rolling stock companies.

With a net book value of £1.8 billion, and a total of 12,000 trains and coaches, the three companies are expected to attract attention from would-be buyers worldwide.

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STUART GOLDSTEIN

Dial-a-tune: the Rev Gillian Munro of the Unst Church of Scotland, in the Shetland Islands, plays a song sent by Music by Fax, the first dial-up sheet music service. Developed by Music Sales Group, a publisher in the £35 million-a-year sheet music market, the service is aimed at teachers and has a library of about 1,000 songs

Nomura Europe braced for cuts

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NOMURA International, the Japanese broker's European business, is bracing itself for a shakeout at the end of the month with the return to London of Hitoshi Tonomura, who ran its British operations in the 1980s.

Mr Tonomura is expected to focus Nomura's operations on its international businesses with a view to enhancing profitability. Cuts are expected in lower margin businesses, such as equity broking and sales, and a reduced emphasis is likely on some of its bond sales business.

Nomura has begun to trim its operations, quietly cutting 57 jobs from the London operations since October to leave 994 staff. The expected restructuring is seen as an attempt to focus on higher margin businesses. Further job losses are likely to result.

Last month Nomura announced that it would incur a Y22 billion (£150 million) loss in the year to March 31.

Last week Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, lowered its senior debt ratings for Nomura from AA to AA minus. It also downgraded Yamaichi. S&P said that the loss announcement was contrary to its expectations.

Mr Tonomura was president, then chairman, of Nomura International between 1984 and 1989, when he was widely credited with putting Nomura on the map as a Eurobond player.

Merrett names open test case against Lloyd's

ABOUT 2,000 Lloyd's names start their High Court action today in a bid to win compensation for losses of around £250 million (Sarah Bagnall writes). The case, brought by names on Merrett syndicate 418, is the first of the "long tail" actions to reach court and is expected to set a precedent. The syndicate's losses are due to asbestosis and pollution claims.

The names allege negligence against Stephen Merrett, a former deputy chairman at Lloyd's and the syndicate's underwriter, his agency, the Merrett Underwriting Agency as well as several other Lloyd's agencies and Ernst & Whinney (now part of Ernst & Young), the syndicate's auditors.

John Mays, chairman of the Merrett 418 (1985) Names Association, said: "This involves the inner sanctum of Lloyd's establishment and if the allegations of negligence are upheld it will be a serious blow to the old guard at Lloyd's."

Job insecurity becomes workers' main worry

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN has lost 50,000 jobs in the first three months of this year, maintaining a strong sense of job insecurity and a "feel-bad" factor at work, a new survey suggests.

The Government, however, will this week release the latest details of its own measures of employment, which are suggesting that the number of jobs is now rising.

Such claims have provoked scepticism when set against continuing announcements of job losses by large companies and, indeed, the Government's main measure of employment will be criticised this week in an independent study from the Royal Statistical Society.

Meanwhile, the survey by the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union shows that just over 50,000 jobs have gone in the past three months, in a range of companies including British Aerospace, Thorn EMI, Norwich Union, ICI, United Biscuits and Mercury.

The union claims today that the "feel-bad" factor is dominating workplaces because of this high rate of job losses. A survey of the union's representatives in more than 400 private and public-sector workplaces employing more than 140,000 people shows that 90 per cent of workers feel that their jobs are no more secure than they were three months ago.

Twenty-seven per cent believe their jobs are less secure, with the highest concern recorded in the financial-services sector. Job security is the issue prompting most concern, with a ranked score of 4.69 on a 1-5 scale of importance, followed by pay at 4.28.

The report from the Royal Statistical Society, to be published on Wednesday, is expected to criticise the main monthly claimant count measure of unemployment, adding weight to attacks on the figures for being "fiddled". The society is likely to call for a different measure based on the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey.

☐ Pay settlements appear to be holding steady, with little sign of an imminent take-off despite rising inflation, according to a new study by the independent Industrial Relations Services (IRS). It shows pay rises running at 3 per cent for the fourth successive month. The IRS says the levelling-out in the fall in unemployment may be continuing to exert a downward pressure on wages in spite of increases in headline inflation.

☐ The Confederation of British Industry will today announce a new initiative for achieving business success through improved environmental performance by means of minimising waste. Howard Davies, CBI Director-General, says: "The CBI's work on competitiveness shows that companies that make the environment part of core strategy are benefiting most from the efficiency gains it can bring."



Davies: tackling waste

£2bn to be spent on deal rooms

MORE than £2 billion will be spent on UK dealing rooms this year, according to a survey by Kimsey Consulting, the financial technology market-research group (Philip Pangalos writes).

The survey, in which 100 financial institutions were interviewed, estimates that about £900 million is available for the purchase of new technology, including hardware, dealer board systems and telecommunications. UK dealing-room operators will also spend more than £1 billion on technology running costs, including payments for information subscriptions and licence fees.

Half of all UK dealing rooms have made some form of technology upgrade in the past 12 months.

The survey also confirmed Reuters as the leading player in the information sector.

Work resumes on flotation of Grid

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE £4 billion flotation of the National Grid, the biggest stock-market debut this year, is under way again, weeks after being stalled by the surprise decision of the electricity-industry regulator to review prices.

The National Grid, jointly owned by the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales, was to have been floated this summer. But Professor Stephen Littlechild's decision last month to look again at the pricing regime in the industry and impose tougher limits on price rises led the companies to concede that a flotation would be impossible until that review was completed.

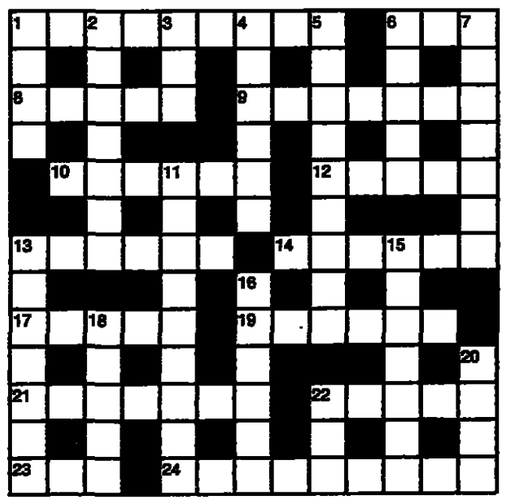
But advisers to the Grid now say the company could be quoted as soon as August, and the preparations for the float by advisers such as Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, will now be carried on in parallel with Mr Littlechild's deliberations. Details will be passed on to him through the Department of Trade and Industry to assist his work.

However, the float can then go ahead only if the pricing regime is known and agreed by the industry. If the review becomes enmeshed in a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry, the float will again be delayed.

One company chairman said late last week that there was a general agreement between the Government, the regulator and the industry that there was no legal obstacle to be overcome before the Grid could be floated.

The regulator's intervention, and the subsequent sharp share-price falls and rerating within the sector, have reduced the potential value of the Grid. The latest valuation is of somewhere short of £4 billion.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 436

ACROSS
1 Go into reverse (4-5)
6 Friend (3)
8 Tiny piece; fight (5)
9 Mounted troops (7)
10 Enforce; take advantage (6)
12 Jacket collar (5)
13 Ottoman ruler (6)
14 Bell tower (6)
17 Head of religious house (5)
19 Giant's Causeway county (6)
21 A risky situation (4,3)
22 Helpful (2,3)
23 Transport-workers' union (1,1,1)
24 Bow the knee (9)

DOWN
1 Uncultivated country; metal sleeve (4)
2 Burnt sugar (7)
3 Softened food; drivel (3)
4 Paper sent with consignment (6)
5 (One's) utmost effort (5,4)
6 Tubular marine animal; benign growth (5)
7 Faithfulness (7)
11 Wholly under one's influence (2,1,6)
13 Run in all directions (7)
15 Lack of success (7)
16 Keel over (ship for repair) (6)
18 Constructed (5)
20 Religious splinter-group (4)
22 Away; spoiled (3)

Concise crossword No 435 inadvertently carried the wrong grid in Saturday's newspaper. We apologise for the error.

SOLUTION TO NO 435
ACROSS: 1 Carve up 5 Mimi 9 Debut 10 Atheist 11 Be one's own man 12 Boyish 13 Staple 16 Discourteous 19 Oppidan 20 Oscar 21 Mark 22 Earldom
DOWN: 1 Code 2 Rubbery 3 Eat one's words 4 Praise 6 Idiom 7 Intense 8 Shown the door 12 Bad form 14 Pounced 15 Cringe 17 Super 18 Brim

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Tarmacing the Silk Road

UK in slow lane to build Chinese mega motorway

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH firms risk losing out on the biggest road building bonanza since the invention of the wheel because British motorway technology is falling behind that in the rest of the developed world.

The Chinese Government is planning to build 22,000 miles of motorway — enough to go around the world — at a cost of £80 billion by 2020 before an expected boom in private car ownership. There are currently only three million drivers in China, but car ownership is growing at a rate of 15 per cent a year and most leading Western carmakers already have plants in China.

The programme, the equivalent of the entire motorway network in Western Europe, will consist of a grid of 12 dual carriageway motorways, five running north to south and seven east to west. One of the east-west links will form part of a new tarmac version of the Silk Road, the ancient trade route that has linked Europe with the Orient.

The road programme, probably the biggest Chinese construction project since the Great Wall, will largely be privately financed through tolls and will rely almost entirely on foreign technology and expertise.

A five-man delegation from Peking led by Mao Jiaan, director of planning at the Chinese Ministry of Communications, last week travelled to Europe on a fact-finding mission, inspecting motorways in Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain. Britain was missed off the delegation's agenda because it is still several years away from developing its first tolling system for trunk roads. French and Italian firms are at the forefront of the rush to win contracts in China.

Two toll motorways are in operation in China. One, a 100-mile stretch running from Hong Kong to Guangzhou, was financed by Gordon Wu, a Hong Kong businessman. Mr Wu expects to be in profit within seven years of construction, compared with the 12 to 15-year payback period standard in the West.

The Chinese Government expects to have more than 10,000 miles of tolled motorway built by 2000.

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